



# Champions of Innovation Award

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**April 1, 2024**  
Nominations Open  
**July 1, 2024**  
Nominations Close  
**October 2, 2024**  
Award Presented

## About the Award

This award recognizes a leader in rural public education who exemplifies excellence through visionary leadership leading to the implementation of innovative practices securing a higher quality education for students at their rural public school or charter. Such innovation should demonstrate:

- Commitment to educational quality and student achievement and a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.
- Facilitating a sustainable school culture and instructional programs conducive to student learning and staff development.
- Effective identification of student academic needs and appropriate instructional strategies to achieve measurable student academic improvement outcomes.

## Eligibility Criteria

- ARSA Member
- District/school leader with at least two years of experience
- Nominated by a peer recognizing the visionary leadership
- Able to point to a singular innovative achievement transforming the quality of education within their school or district
- Able to articulate the vision grounding their innovative approach to public education
- Able to demonstrate (with testimonials or data) that the innovation implemented positively affected student achievement levels
- Letters of support from at least two staff engaged in the implemented practice

## Nominee Information

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Service in Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience / Positions Held with Dates:

Memberships & Offices Held in Professional Organizations with Dates:

Publications/Articles/Presentations with Dates:

Community Leadership with Dates:

Statement of Vision:

Please submit your nomination by emailing [momalley@asu.edu](mailto:momalley@asu.edu) and attaching this completed nomination form. In order for your nomination to be considered it must be submitted by July 1, 2024.