

# Elsie Toles Rural Women in Educational Leadership Award

Presented by Arizona Rural Schools Association and Grand Canyon University K12 Educational Development



**February 19, 2024**  
Nominations Open  
**April 22, 2024**  
Nominations Close  
**October 2, 2024**  
Award Presented



## About the Award

This award is named after Elsie Toles, the first female Superintendent of Public Instruction for Arizona. The 2024 Award, sponsored by Grand Canyon University's K12 Educational Development Department, will be presented at the Arizona Rural Schools Association (ARSA) Conference on October 2, 2024. One winner will be selected to win a \$250 award. Nominees can be nominated by another person, and self nominations are also welcome.

## Nomination and Self-Nomination Criteria

- Current female administrator in a rural Arizona public school or district
- At least three years of experience as an administrator
- Letter of recommendation or self-nomination letter
- 250-300 word description of how the nominee has excelled in one or more of the following areas:
  1. Collaboration with rural stakeholders
  2. "Grow Your Own" programs for teachers or school leaders
  3. Innovative leadership in a rural setting
  4. Student growth and student programs
  5. Positive campus climate
  6. Shared-use spaces with community and community organizations
  7. Advocacy efforts supporting rural education

## Nominator Information

*Nominees may self-nominate or be nominated by another person.*

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Write "self" if self-nominating

## Nominee Information

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

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

Previous Leadership Positions Held:

Explain how the nominee has excelled in one or more of the seven areas listed above in 250-300 words:

Please submit your nomination by emailing [cherryl.paul@gcu.edu](mailto:cherryl.paul@gcu.edu) and attaching this completed nomination form. In order for your nomination to be considered it must be submitted by April 22, 2024.