

Awards & Scholarship Committee Reports
SDASCOE Spring Board Meeting
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New deadlines for 2016 NASCOE Scholarship and DSA Awards were announced in December to be January 1, 2016. However due to the late announcement of this new deadline, it was decided to push the deadline back to February 1st for the 2016 calendar year. However, it is important to note that the deadline will go back to January 1st for 2017 and future year for Scholarships and DSA Awards.

Scholarship Report: South Dakota had six NASCOE Scholarship applications for 2016. Four of them were for the NASCOE Traditional Scholarship (\$1500). We also received one application for the NASCOE Open Continuing Education Scholarship (\$1000) and one for the NASCOE Continuing Education for Adult Children Scholarship (\$1000).

All Scholarships were forwarded to Kyra Hagberg, NWA Scholarship Chairperson for judging on February 2, 2016. The NWA judges have until March 20th to select the NWA winners and forward them on to the National level for judging. The National winners are to be selected by April 10th.

Distinguished Service Award Report: Four 2016 DSA Nominations were received by the February 1, 2016 deadline. There were nominations receive for each DSA Award Category this year. The DSA Awards nominations were sent to the judges who will select a winners. The SD winners will be forward on to the NWA Area Awards Chairperson, Kyra Hagberg by February 20, 2016 for consideration at the NWA level. The NWA selections should be made by March 15th.

Years Of Service – Approximately 54 FSA Employees will be recognized for **Years of Service** at this year's State SDASCOE Convention.

Sick Leave Certificates will be presented to SDASCOE members who have reached the 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500 and 3000 hours of sick leave as of April 1st, 2015. I will be sending out an email requesting County Offices to submit employee names who have reached these sick leave levels in early March. These Certificates will be presented at the State Convention.

Professional Improvement Award and/or **Extra Mile Awards** are still available. There is no competition or deadline for these awards. Nomination will be accepted through April 1st to be presented at this year's Convention.

Final Announcement: This will be my final year as the SDASCOE Scholarship and Awards Chairperson as my plans are to retire sometime next year. I have enjoyed my six years as Chairperson of this Committee and have meet many great people and learned much about the NASCOE Organization in the process. However, it is time to turn this job over to a younger member who can provide new energy to this Committee and become more active in the SDASCOE organization. Please contact the SDASCOE President or me if you are interested in taking this job over. I would be available to provide some assistance to the new Chairperson and help them learn "the ropes" during their first year in office.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Larry Somsen
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