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# **RALEIGH DINGMAN AWARD**

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## **2025 Guidelines & Entry Forms**

The Raleigh Dingman Award is the highest honor bestowed on a North Carolina school board member each year and is named in honor of Raleigh Dingman, NCSBA's first full-time executive secretary. Since 2003, recipients of this honor have served as an ex-officio member of the NC State Board of Education and the NCSBA Board of Directors. The honoree will be expected to attend meetings of both organizations.

Please read the Raleigh Dingman Award criteria, eligibility requirements, and nomination specifications outlined below before submitting your application.

### **CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nominees for the Raleigh Dingman Award should be individual school board members that have demonstrated leadership as evidenced by any or all of the following:

- Upholds board responsibilities with integrity
- Advocates for student achievement
- Provides support for innovative policies, practices, or programs that aim to resolve district challenges
- Engages local government and/or community support for public education
- Attends professional development to gain awareness and knowledge on best practices for public schools, the role of school boards, board member development, and school leadership
- Willingness to exchange ideas, engage in productive dialogue, and advance public education in North Carolina

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Be a current board member
- Served at least one full term on the local board
- Nomination endorsement by school board
- Complied with statutory training requirements for school boards
- Complied with 2-hour ethics training requirements for school boards
- Participated in NCSBA board development activities
- Be able to serve as an ex-officio member of the NC State Board of Education and the NCSBA Board of Directors by regularly attending meetings of both boards



## NOMINATION SPECIFICATIONS

- A completed entry form which includes a summary statement
- Narrative responses to each of the following questions:
  - Question 1: Describe how this board member has shown exceptional leadership and an ability to work with board members and administration to advance student achievement or address a significant challenge. *Responses should be 350-words maximum.*
  - Question 2: In what ways has this board member collaborated with other local governments and/or community organizations to strengthen support for public education? *Responses should be 350-words maximum.*
  - Question 3: How will this board member's communication style and leadership traits be a positive reflection on behalf of North Carolina school board members on the State Board of Education? *Responses should be 250-words maximum.*
- Evidence of statutory and 2-hour ethics training
- Digital photo of nominee sent as .png or .jpeg file, 300 dpi minimum

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All items listed under the nomination specifications must be received by NCSBA on or before **October 1, 2025**.



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## 2025 Entry Form

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Board: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Years on the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Please provide a summary statement, not exceeding 250 words, on the board member's qualifications for the Raleigh Dingman Award. This paragraph may be used in association publications.

Please submit the information below with the completed entry form.

- Official Endorsement Form
- Narrative responses to questions 1, 2, and 3
- Training Record
- Evidence of 2-Hour Ethics Training
- Digital photo of nominee sent as .png or .jpeg file, 300 dpi minimum

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## **2025 Official Endorsement Form**

This is to certify that the

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*Name of Board of Education*

has taken official action to endorse its nomination of

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*Nominee Name*

for the North Carolina School Boards Association's Raleigh Dingman Award.

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*Board Chair's Signature*

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*Print Board Chair's Name*