The Maryland Association of Boards of Education Excellence in Education Award was established in 2012 to honor then- retiring executive director Carl W. Smith. It may be presented every other year (alternating with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Distinguished Board Member Service Award) to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to public education in Maryland.

Please note:

- An individual must be nominated by three current board members to be a finalist – a primary nominator with the support of two additional board members. The three nominators needs not come from the same board of education, but they must be members of MABE.
- Current and former local board members are ineligible for this award. (These individuals may be nominated for the MABE Distinguished Board Service Award which is exclusively for current or former local board members.)
- Candidates from previous years may be re-nominated; previous recipients of the award are ineligible.
- Responses to award criteria that exceed 1000 words will not be considered by the committee.
- Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

To nominate a candidate:

Please submit your nomination to the MABE office no later than March 29, 2019. Each nomination must consist of the following:

- The award submission form. Only this form will state the nominee’s name.
- A separate page detailing, in 1000 words or less, why this person is being nominated.

Nominee criteria:

Nominee will have demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to public education in Maryland. This service may have impacted a single district, multiple districts, or the entire state. Examples of potential recipients may include, but are not limited to:

- city, county, or state elected officials
- community college or university leaders
- volunteer organization leaders
- leaders from the non-profit or corporate world

Process:

The MABE Awards Committee will review all nomination and make a decision no later than May 1, 2019. The recipient will be announced shortly thereafter, and honored at the MABE Annual Conference in October 2019.
On a separate sheet of paper, in 1000 words or less, please explain how this nominee has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to public education a Maryland district or the State of Maryland. Please **DO NOT** include the nominee's name in the narrative.

Please submit your nomination to the MABE office no later than **March 29, 2019**.