

The NYSSBA President's Award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to state public education. Each year, the current NYSSBA President presents the recipient with the award during the Annual Convention & Education Expo Opening Session.

YEAR RECIPIENT

2000	Regents Chancellor Carl Hayden
2001	Michael Rebell, <i>Executive Director, Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc.</i>
2002	Dr. Edward A. Schafer, <i>District Superintendent, Madison-Oneida BOCES</i>
2003	* New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) and * Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno (R-Rensselaer)
2004	U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY)
2005	New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi
2006	IBM
2007	New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer
2008	Max Donatelli, <i>Director of Intake and Family Engagement for Baker Services, Lackawanna, NY</i>
2009	*Richard Mills, <i>former NYS Commissioner of Education</i>
2010	Florence Baugh, <i>Director of Neighborhood Services, Community Organization of Erie County</i>
2011	Dr. Lloyd M. Elm, <i>Associate Professor, Elementary Education and Reading, Buffalo State College</i>
2012	Anne Bryant, <i>Executive Director (retired), National School Boards Association</i>
2013	Michael Masse, <i>Treasurer, New York State School Boards Association</i>
2014	Florence Johnson, <i>Past President, New York State School Boards Association</i>
2015	John Yagielski, <i>Chair, Educational Conference Board</i>
2016	*Roberta Richin, <i>Executive Director, The Council for Prejudice Reduction</i>
2017	Lorraine Deller, <i>Executive Director, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association</i>
2018	Dick Young, <i>Retired Superintendent, Mount Markham Central School District and Alexander Central School District</i>
2019	Timothy G. Kremer, <i>Retired Executive Director, New York State School Boards Association</i>
2020	Edward Nitkewicz, <i>Board Member, South Huntington Union Free School District</i>
2021	David A. Little, Esq., <i>Executive Director, Rural Schools Association of NYS</i>

* = Deceased