Each year since 1974, the Missouri State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have honored selected individuals with the prestigious Missouri Pioneer in Education Award.

The Pioneer Awards, presented during the Department’s annual summer conference for school administrators, recognize distinguished careers and contributions to public education, either at the state or local level.

Selection is based on unique contributions to Missouri public education. Former recipients of the Award include outstanding and long-serving school teachers and administrators, dedicated local board of education members, college and university deans and presidents, and former legislators and governors.

Pioneer Award nominations are accepted throughout each school year by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

If you would like to recommend a retired educator for the award, please submit the information requested below. You may return this form any time throughout the year. You may e-mail the information to robin.coffman@dese.mo.gov; return by mail to Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Commissioner's Office, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480; or fax the form to (573) 751-1179.

RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION

Name of retired educator _______________________________________________________________________

Year retired __________ Last district of employment (or last known school district) ______________________

☐ Teacher ☐ Principal ☐ Superintendent ☐ Other _________________________________________________

Brief description of career/contribution to education ______________________________________________

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PERSON TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION _____________________________________________________

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