



# 2021 Official Nomination Form Betsy M. Cowles Leadership Award



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**Presented by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators**

**CRITERIA:** The BASA **Betsy M. Cowles** Leadership Award will be presented to a female administrator who has demonstrated outstanding educational leadership in making significant contributions to educational administration in a school district, education service center or educational institution. The candidate should be an excellent role model and should encourage others to seek administrative positions. The candidate is required to have a minimum of three years of continuous service as an administrator or college instructor and whose district superintendent has been a BASA member for a minimum of three years.

**PROCEDURE:** The selection committee will include the chair and three members at large of the Women's Outreach Committee as well as a BASA Director. Any individual may nominate herself or someone else for this award.

This official nomination form for the Betsy M. Cowles Leadership Award must be submitted to BASA by **February 22, 2021**. Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form. If other material is provided the nomination will not be considered. The awards will be presented at the BASA Women's Conference, and at the BASA Fall Conference.

***Please submit your nominations to BASA by February 22, 2021***

## **Betsy M. Cowles**

Betsy M. Cowles was one of the earliest and most notable female superintendents in the State of Ohio. She was known for her contributions to education, abolitionism and women's rights in Ohio. She counted among her friends and acquaintances people such as Frederick Douglas, William Lloyd Garrison, Henry C. Wright and Abby Kelley Foster.

Ms. Cowles was a risk taker and stood for what she believed. She spoke out against the Black Laws which kept African Americans from voting in Ohio. She actually quit her teaching job when the school she was working for at the time refused to admit black students.

In the 1820's into the early 1830's she opened infant schools in northeastern Ohio which were a predecessor to the modern day kindergartens. She earned her teaching degree from Oberlin College in the 1840's in the third female class to graduate. She taught in grammar schools, in addition to serving as principal and as superintendent of the Painesville Township Local Schools from 1858-1860. She also served as superintendent of the girl's grammar school and girl's high school in Canton, Ohio from 1850-1855.

This award will be given annually to a woman who exemplifies outstanding administrative leadership.



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Official Nomination Form

Deadline: February 22, 2021

**Please type or print legibly**

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

BASA Member?     Yes             No    Years of continuous service \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Other positions held during the past five years:**

Position	Organization	Dates
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**I. Description of significant contributions/exemplary leadership:**

**II. Statement describing how you or the nominated candidate actually enhanced education through exemplary leadership:**

**Submitted by (please print name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to BASA**  
**By February 22, 2021**

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