

2014-2015

Family and Community Involvement Award

Highlighting Exemplary Programs in Florida Schools

Complete the information below: Please type or print legibly.

SCHOOLS: Return all applications to your District Volunteer Coordinator.

Region: I ___ II ___ III ___ IV ___ V ___ Elementary (PreK-5) ___ Middle/Senior (6-12) _____

District: _____

School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Project Name: _____

Program Contact: _____ District: _____

Volunteer Coordinator: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

SIGNATURES:

School Principal: _____

School Advisory Council Chairman: _____

PTA or Parent Organization President: _____

District Volunteer Coordinator: _____

Superintendent (District Level Winner): _____

DISTRICT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Mail the original and 6 copies of the application to:
Kelli Walker, Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, 325
West Gaines St., Room 1444, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, by February 27, 2015.



Overview of Award

The purpose of this award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family and community involvement. Each school selected as a regional winner will designate a representative from the school to accept the award during the Florida PTA Leadership Conference in July, 2015. Expenses for the school representative that will be reimbursed include: car mileage; two nights lodging and awards luncheon ticket.

Award Categories

Entries will be judged in each of two categories: Elementary School (PreK-5) and Middle/High School (6-12). Statewide, there will be a total of ten winners. Each district may submit two nominations: one elementary and one middle/high school.

Criteria for Selection

A nomination should reflect an innovative practice for recruitment, training and recognition of family and community involvement practices. These could include, but not be limited to, programs that address: removing barriers, parenting, student learning, communicating, volunteering, training at school or at home, decision making, and collaborating with the community and others.

Judging

At the district level, the selection process will be organized by the District Community Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator. Nominations will be evaluated on:

- 1) Impact on family involvement
- 2) Ability to be replicated
- 3) Relationship to goals and objectives of the schools
- 4) Participation of families and community in planning and implementation
- 5) Uniqueness and innovation
- 6) Impact on school improvement
- 7) Numbers of families and community members participating in relationship to program capability to accommodate
- 8) Cost
- 9) Collaborative efforts

Entry Deadline for District Volunteer Coordinators

Please provide the original and 6 copies of the completed nomination form by 5:00 p.m. February 27, 2015 to the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach.

Eligibility

The nomination is to be generated by the School Advisory Council, with input from the school's PTA or parent organization. Entries must be school projects that focus on specific school-initiated family and community involvement programs or strategies.

PROJECT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

Facts and Figures

Contact person: _____

Project's mission: _____

Project's goals: _____

Project initiated by: Title I ____ ESE ____ ESOL ____ PTA ____ PTO ____ Other ____

If you have a program website, please indicate address: _____

Total school enrollment: _____

Grade levels served by project: _____

Number served by project: Parents/Guardians ____ Students ____ Community partners ____

(Provide a number)

Staff size: _____

Number of volunteers needed to implement project: Parents/Guardians ____ Staff ____

Students ____ Community Partners ____

Names of community or business partners involved in project: _____

Major sources of funding: _____

Budget (how much did the project cost): _____

(List a dollar amount, in-kind services or donations)

Fees for participation: _____

Site location: _____

Program hours: _____

Entry deadline for District Volunteer Coordinators **No later than 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015**

PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- _____ Welcoming All Families into the School Community
- _____ Communicating Effectively
- _____ Supporting Student Success
- _____ Speaking Up for Every Child
- _____ Sharing Power
- _____ Collaborating with Community

Program Description

- Describe the nominated program in the space below.
- How does this program support the school goals and school improvement plan?
- How does this program address the areas of communication, parenting, student learning, volunteering, school decision making, and advocacy and collaborating with the community?
- Briefly describe the activities of the program, stressing their unique qualities. Indicate the number of parents, students, school staff, and/or community members who have participated. Indicate the amount of time spent this year on the program.
- Include how the program is funded and the approximate cost this year, including in-kind donations.
- Provide evidence of the substantive effect of this activity on the school, students, families, teachers, or administrators.
- Describe collaborative efforts to implement program.
- Are there materials available that can be shared with others who wish to duplicate your program?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, list materials and a brief description: