



## **OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

### **2025-26 Outstanding School Volunteer Awards**

The Outstanding School Volunteer Awards recognize the exceptional dedication and commitment of school volunteers across Florida who impact the quality education and student success. Each year, this award celebrates volunteers based on character, type and breadth of service, and impact of extraordinary contributions to the school community.

#### **Timeline**

- September 2025** Applications are distributed to superintendents and district volunteer coordinators.
- November 14, 2025** Deadline for submitting applications via the [2025-26 Outstanding School Volunteer Award](#) portal is **November 14, 2025**. All documentation must be submitted electronically as part of the online application. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.
- January 2026** State Selection Committee reviews submitted nominations.
- March 2026** Winners of the Outstanding School Volunteer Award are announced.

#### **Eligibility**

All Outstanding School Volunteer Award candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. **District Nominations:** Each district may nominate one volunteer per category:
  - Adult Volunteer: Between 21-61 years of age
  - Youth Volunteer: Age 20 years or younger
  - Senior Volunteer: Age 62 years or older
  - Resiliency Coach Volunteer: Age 21 years or older
2. **Commitment to Education:** Nominees must demonstrate a history of exceptional dedication to student learning and success.
3. **Training Requirement:** Adult, Youth and Senior volunteer nominees must have completed the required district volunteer orientation or training. Adult and Senior volunteer nominees must have completed the online component of the Resiliency Coach training. Resiliency Coach Volunteer nominees must have completed all components of the Resiliency Coach training program (i.e., online, 4-hour volunteer practicum and final survey).
4. **Service Scope:** All volunteer services must be performed within the school environment.

#### **Nomination Criteria**

Nominations should showcase the volunteer's exemplary service in the following areas:

- **Type of Volunteer Contribution:** Describe the specific volunteer service, the activities performed, and the school-based or resiliency needs met by their efforts.
- **Character of Volunteer Service:** Highlight any creative, unique or innovative aspects of volunteer's service that have supported the overall improvement of the school.

- **Breadth of Volunteer Contribution:** Consider the number of years the volunteer has served, average weekly hours committed, and the number of students impacted, both directly and indirectly.
- **Impact of Volunteer Service:** Focus on the measurable outcomes of the volunteer’s work, particularly in terms of student achievement, school improvement, and contributions to the areas of resiliency and attendance.

### Application Submission

Once eligibility requirements have been met and district nominations have been determined for each category, the District Volunteer Coordinator must complete the online application for each nominee.

**Online Portal:** Access the **2025-26 Outstanding School Volunteer Award** application online. A separate form must be submitted for each category (Adult, Youth, Senior or Resiliency Coach Volunteer).

**Superintendent Acknowledgement:** A signed acknowledgment statement from the district Superintendent is required for each nominee. Save and upload this file as: *District-Nominee Last Name-Superintendent Last Name*. See sample below.

**Note: Only the required materials will be reviewed by the selection committee. Please do not submit additional documents.**

Submission Deadline: All applications must be received by **Friday, November 14, 2025**, in order to be considered by the selection committee. The committee will only review the required materials. Additional materials submitted with the application will not be considered. *Late or incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. Please review the nomination for accuracy.*

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### SAMPLE SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

[SCHOOL DISTRICT LETTERHEAD]

[Month XX], 2025

The [SCHOOL DISTRICT] is pleased to nominate [NOMINEE NAME] as our [volunteer, youth volunteer, senior volunteer, resiliency coach volunteer] candidate for the **2025-26 Outstanding School Volunteer Award**.

Additional information concerning our nomination may be directed to [NAME], District Volunteer Coordinator, at [PHONE] or by email at [EMAIL ADDRESS].

Sincerely,

[NAME], Superintendent  
[SCHOOL DISTRICT]