Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year

What is the Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year Program?

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that exceptional school support employees play an essential role in helping students thrive and schools succeed. Through the Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year program, the Department recognizes and celebrates outstanding support staff whose dedication, compassion, leadership, and service make a meaningful difference for students, schools, and communities.

Criteria

The Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year program honors individuals whose service extends beyond the expectations of their role and whose daily work helps create safe, welcoming, and supportive school communities. Eligible candidates include:

- Clerical personnel
- Custodial personnel
- Food service workers
- Maintenance staff
- Paraprofessionals
- School bus drivers
- Teacher aides
- Other employees who are not required to hold a teaching certificate as a condition of employment

Submission Guidelines

- Each school system is encouraged to nominate three support staff, one for elementary, middle, and high, for state-level consideration.
- State-level applications are submitted through an online portal.

More Information

- For more information, visit the Staff and Educators Awards page.
- For questions, email excellenteducators@la.gov.