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**Outstanding School Support Employees  
of the Year**

**School Health Provider of the Year**

**2023-2024 School Year**

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Awards Initiatives Featured:
  - Outstanding School Support Employees Award
  - Outstanding School Health Provider of the Year Award
- Information to be Covered:
  - School Employees Recognized
  - Benefits of the Awards Program
  - Program Timeline
  - Application Process
  - Award Criteria
  - Resources
- Questions







# Outstanding School Support Employees Award Overview



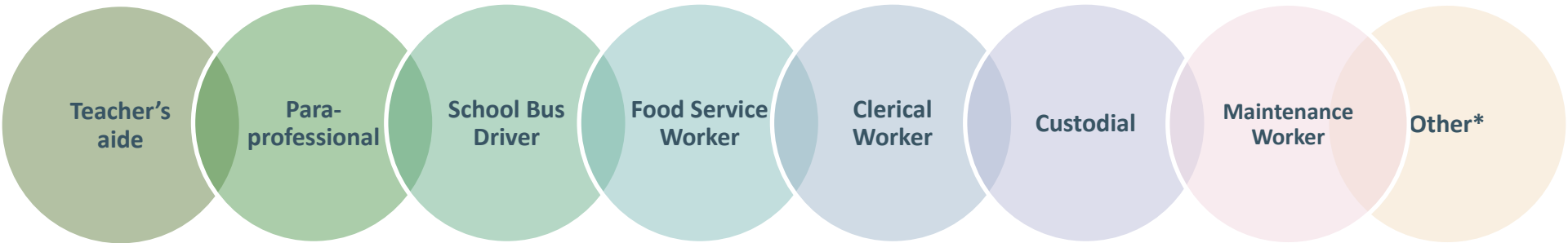
# Outstanding School Support Employees Award

- The [Outstanding School Support Employee Award](#) provides the opportunity to acknowledge those support employees who have rendered time and talents beyond the call of duty.
- All school systems are encouraged to select up to three support staff, one per division (elementary, middle and high) as their local-level honorees and submit these candidates to the state process.



# Outstanding School Support Employee Award

The nominee must be an employee of a Louisiana public school system and serve in a position that does not require a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment.



*\*Other includes local public school board employees who are not required to hold a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment*





# Benefits of Participation in the Awards Program





# Benefits to School Systems

Provides school systems with the opportunity to:

- Celebrate, honor and reward outstanding school support employees.
- Shine the light on school support employees contributing to school and student success.
- Call state-wide attention to great work taking place in school systems.
- **Recruit** and **retain** outstanding school support employees.



# Benefits to Candidates

Provides the school support employee the opportunity to:

- Be recognized and celebrated for their outstanding work.
- Serve as the representative to promote the role of all school support employees in the education system.
- Develop and amplify their voice to advocate for the profession.
- Build relationships with other exemplary support staff throughout Louisiana.



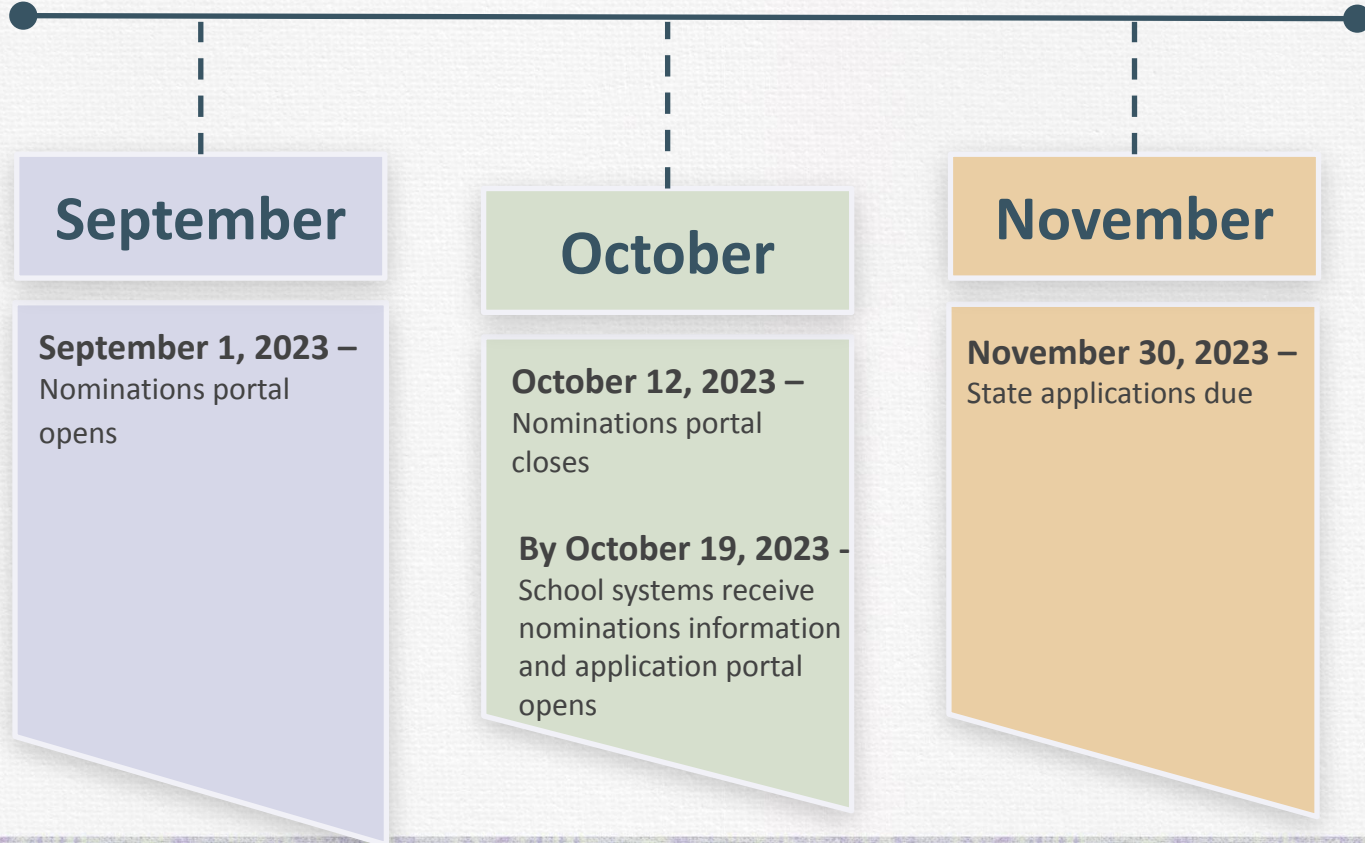




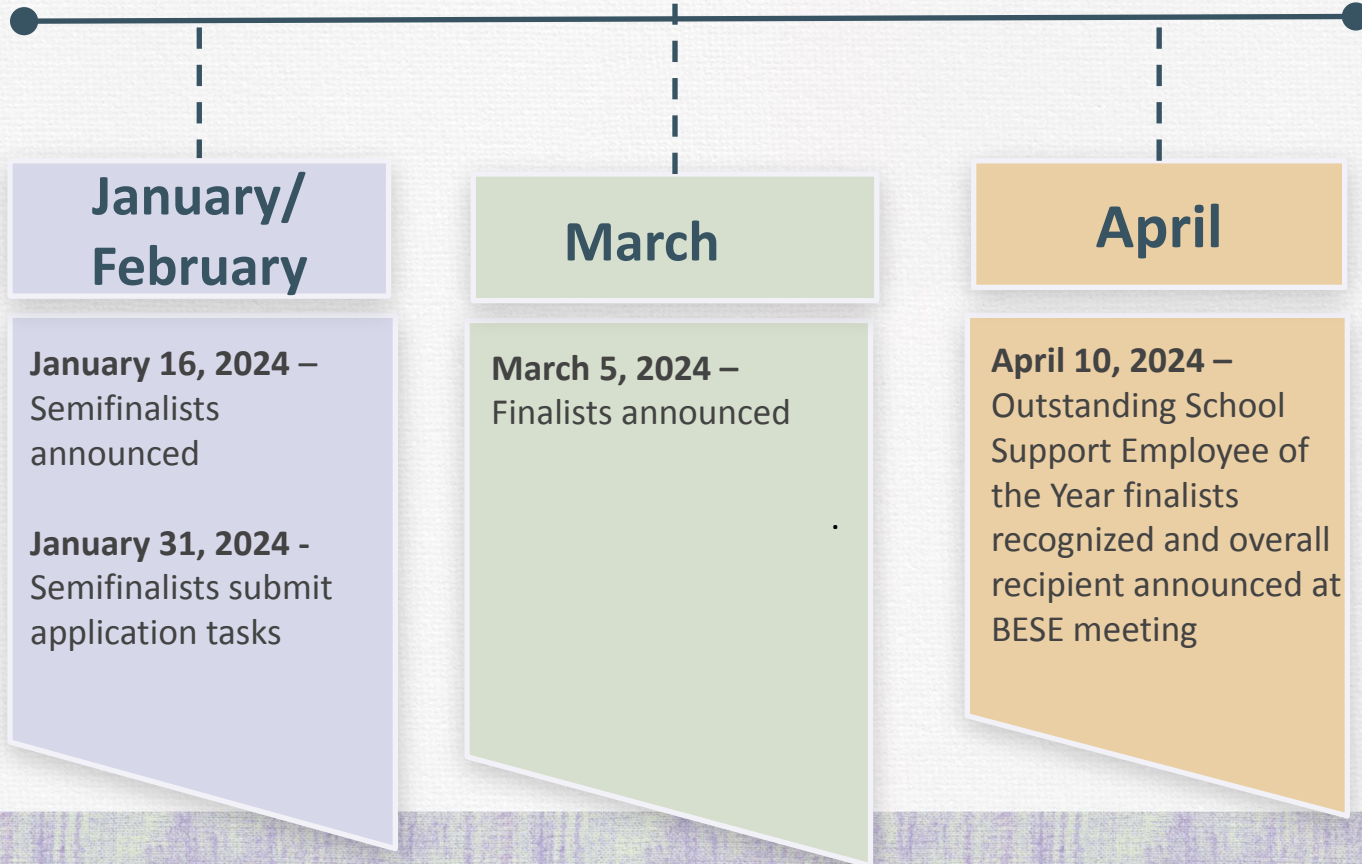
# Outstanding School Support Employees Timeline



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# Outstanding School Support Application Process



# Nomination Process

- Part of the nomination process includes nominations from teachers, principals, district employees, parents, colleagues, and community members.
- The nominations portal is open and will close on October 12.
- Upon portal close, the nomination information will be shared with school systems for their consideration.
- [Nomination portal link](#)



# School System Selections

- All school systems are encouraged to select up to three support staff, one for elementary, middle and high, to move to the state process.
- School systems may utilize their own process to identify their support staff selections. For those who don't have a process in place, these selections may come from the nominations information.
- When the application portal opens, school systems will be notified.
- School systems are to report their selections are by November 30.







# Award Criteria



# Criteria

An exemplary candidate is one who meets these criteria:

Skill and  
dedication

Plans to  
continue active  
employment

Respect of and  
rapport with  
students

Respect of and  
rapport with  
parents

Respect of and  
rapport with  
coworkers

Community  
leadership



# Resources





# Resources

Information about the Outstanding School Support Employees awards program may be found on the [Awards](#) page and in the [Resources Library](#).



# Questions?

Submit questions to [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov).





**School Health Service Provider of the Year Award**





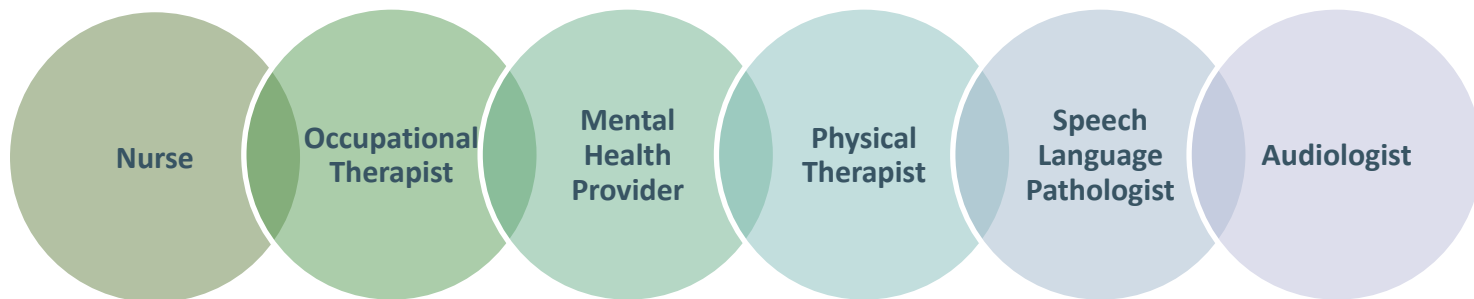
# Outstanding School Health Service Provider Award

- Student health plays a vital role in education and that school health providers are the critical link in ensuring health service delivery to students.
- Provides an opportunity to acknowledge school health service providers who demonstrate superior provision of health services in schools and support the expansion of health services in schools.



# Outstanding School Support Employee Award

The nominee must be an employed or contracted by a Louisiana school and have a license or certification to practice in the school setting.





# Benefits of Participation in the Awards Program





# Timeline

## September

**September 12, 2023** –  
Nominations portal  
opens.

**September 13, 2023**  
Informational call to  
review the  
application process.

## October

**October 12, 2023** –  
Nominations portal  
closes

**October 19, 2023** -  
Nominees notified

## November

**November 1, 2023-**  
Nominee Webinar

**November 30, 2023** –  
Provider Applications  
Due.



# Timeline

## January/ February

**January 16, 2024** – Semifinalists are contacted.

**January 29-February 8, 2024** - Semifinalists panel zoom interviews.

## March

**March 4-8, 2024** – Finalists are recognized and announced

**Week of March 18, 2024** - School Health Service Provider of the Year is recognized

## April

**April 10, 2024** – School Health Service Provider of the Year honoree and finalists recognized at BESE meeting





## Nomination Process

School administrators, teachers, providers, and parents are invited to

- [Nominate](#) an outstanding school nurse, behavioral health provider, speech therapist, OT or PT for the 2023-2024 School Health Service Provider Award.
- Nominations will be accepted through October 12.
- More information about the award may be found in the [award overview](#).

Please contact [elizabeth.duncan@la.gov](mailto:elizabeth.duncan@la.gov) with questions.





# School Health Service Provider of the Year Award Application

The application includes:

- Basic information including name, email and school system
- Applicant provider type (nurse, OT, PT, speech, etc.)
- License type (LMSW, LOTR, DPT, etc.)
- Written responses to essay questions (500 maximum word count per response)
- Links to websites as demonstration of work may be included
- Link(s) to accomplishments that showcase work may be included



# Criteria

Knowledge and Expertise in Field

Professional Growth

Advocate for Student Health

Health Program Growth



Represent their Profession



# Benefits to School Systems

Provides school systems with the opportunity to:

- Celebrate, honor and reward outstanding health providers for the hard work, dedication and success.
- Call state-wide attention to the exceptional work taking place in school systems.
- Shine the light on the innovative work and leadership within school healthcare.
- Recruit and retain school health providers.





# Benefits to Candidates

Provides the healthcare provider the opportunity to:

- Develop and amplify their voice to advocate for the profession.
- Empower participation in policy discussions to improve healthcare for all children.
- Hone their leadership skills through professional learning opportunities.
- Serve as the representative to promote the role of their license in the education system.
- Build relationships with other exemplary educators throughout Louisiana.



# Resources

- [School Health Service Provider of the Year overview](#)
- [School Health Provider Rubric](#)

For questions, email [elizabeth.duncan@la.gov](mailto:elizabeth.duncan@la.gov).



# Next Steps

## Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year:

This program recognizes outstanding school support employees, including teacher's aides, paraprofessionals, school bus drivers, food service workers, clerical, custodial, maintenance or other personnel that does not require a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment.

- [Nominations portal](#) + [Overview information](#)
- Please contact [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov) with questions.

## School Health Service Provider of the Year:

This program recognizes outstanding school nurses, school behavioral health providers (licensed counselor, psychologist, social worker), speech language pathologist/audiologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

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