



Special Ambassador Awards

Nomination forms are due Jan. 21, 2025

General Information

The Special Ambassador Award is the highest recognition given by SSD. The award is presented to **community members** (or in special circumstances, SSD staff members) who have demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment to SSD and its mission. Recipients of this award often provide a resource or service that complements the established curriculum in SSD programs.

This award is designed to recognize individuals as well as groups and organizations. Recipients may include educators in other school districts (and sometimes SSD staff - see Guidelines below), employees of local agencies that support SSD students, or volunteers in SSD schools or classrooms.

Recipients of the Special Ambassador Award will be selected by an SSD staff committee. They will be honored at the Salute to SSD event on April 16, 2025. Nominators of award recipients also will be invited to the event.

Guidelines

- This award is open to an individual or a group (e.g., organizations, departments, corporations, etc.). When nominating an individual for this award, please select one person per organization so there is not competition within an organization. Group awards can be presented to multiple representatives of the organization.
- SSD staff may be nominated for this award, but will only be considered if evidence clearly shows that their **service to the District extends far beyond normal job duties and was performed under extraordinary circumstances.**
- Nominations can be made by SSD staff, parents, partner district staff, students, or community members.
- Any nominations that contain multiple nominators will be treated as one singular nomination and the first name listed will be treated as the lead nominator to receive communications about the award.
- Winners of the award will not be eligible to win again for the next five years. [Click here for a list of previous winners.](#)

Essay Tips

Remember, the people reading your essay do not know your nominee. Be thorough in telling your nominee's story.

The Salutes Awards celebrate inspirational people! When sharing how your nominee inspires others, be sure to include details about what they do that inspires others. Tell us what your nominee does, where it happens, when it happens, and how it affects others when you describe their great work. We need more than just "This person does a wonderful job and puts a smile on everyone's face!"

[Here are a few sample nominations for this award that will help guide you.](#)

For More Information

Please contact Deana Parsons, internal communications coordinator, at 314.989.8102 or dmparsons@ssdmo.org.

Note: This form can be saved as a draft by clicking the "Save" button below and signing up for a free Jotform account. Otherwise, the form will need to remain open on your browser until it is completed.



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- If you are nominating an **individual** (not a group/organization), please complete the first question, but skip questions 2 and 3.
- If you are nominating a **group/organization**, please skip question 1 but complete questions 2 and 3.
- Complete the remainder of the form.

1. Name of individual nominee

First Name Last Name

2. Group/organization nominee

Name of group or organization

3. If nominating a group/organization, who would be the best the contact person within the group?

First Name Last Name

Nominee Email *

example@example.com

Nominee Address (business or home) *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Nominee Phone (business or home) *

(If known)

Nominee School (if applicable)

List the school or schools where the nominee serves students.

Nominee District (if applicable)

List the district or districts where the nominee serves students.



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Your Name *

First Name Last Name

Your Email *

example@example.com

Your Home Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Your Preferred Phone *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Your Relationship with SSD *

Your School Affiliation (if applicable)

Your School District (if applicable)

Confirmation *

By checking this box, you attest you have done your best to provide accurate information about your nominee.

Additional Email Recipient

Email of Additional

example@example.com



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- Please limit each response to approximately 400 words. **Read all questions before writing any responses.**
- Please provide concrete examples in your responses that support your nominee's qualifications for this award.
- If you prefer to write your responses in a separate document, you may upload a file with all responses at the end of this section.

1. Please provide some relevant background information about your nominee.

2. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to SSD students through work or volunteerism.

3. What experiences, character attributes, talents or skills does the nominee or group/organization have that have proven valuable in the pursuit of SSD's mission?

4. What is the impact of the contributions made by your nominee within SSD and the greater SSD community? Please provide examples.



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Quote

The SSD Communications Department will be featuring award winners on the District website and social media platforms. Please provide us with a personal quote about the person you are nominating that highlights your reasons for nominating him/her. What makes this person deserving of special recognition? (For example: "Ms. Doe has done a tremendous job in her classroom. She finds meaningful, positive ways to help all students learn, no matter their obstacles. Having her as a teacher has made a huge difference in my child's progress and we can't thank her enough.")

Your quote about the nominee: *

Please hit the "Submit" button to complete the nomination.