



Building Block Awards

Nomination forms are due Feb. 3, 2025

General Information

The Building Block Award recognizes **paraprofessionals** from around the District who show outstanding skill and dedication to SSD students. Paraprofessionals include **teacher assistants, teacher aides, certified occupational therapy assistants, registered behavior technicians, and physical therapy assistants**. Their work is like an essential block in a larger structure, built by many hands and shaped by many talents. Recipients of the Building Block Award 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

- Nominees for the SSD Building Block Award must be a teacher assistant, teacher aide, certified occupational therapy assistant, or a physical therapy assistant in SSD.
- Nominations can be made by SSD staff, parents, partner district staff, students, or community members.
- Any group nominations (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.
- Past recipients of the award will not be eligible to receive it again for the next five years. Check this list for recipients in 2020-2024.

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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Nominee Name *

First Name

Last Name

Nominee Email *

example@example.com

Nominee Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Nominee Work Phone

(If known)

Nominee Home Phone

(If known)

Nominee School *

List the school or schools where the nominee serves students.

Nominee District *

List the district or districts where the nominee serves students.

Nominee's Current Position *

Paraprofessional/TA

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Physical Therapy Assistant

Other

Nominee's Years in Current Position (if known)

Nominee's Total Years with SSD (if known)

Nominee's SSD Supervisor (if known)



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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.



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Nomination

- Please limit each response to approximately 400 words. **Read all questions before writing any responses.**
- Please provide concrete examples in your responses.
- If you have no information to provide on any question about the nominee, please write "cannot respond to this question."
- 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. Describe how the nominee makes a difference in the lives of SSD students as a paraprofessional. Please provide examples.

2. What experiences, character attributes, talents or skills make the nominee stand out in his/her position?

3. Describe the impact of your nominee's contributions 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.