

DOLORES GARD OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AWARD RUBRIC

Purpose:

The Dolores Gard Outstanding School Volunteer Award is presented annually to a volunteer who demonstrates exceptional dedication and commitment to students and staff within Valdez City Schools. This award recognizes the individual who fosters strong school-community relationships, promotes innovative approaches to improving student and staff performance, and goes above and beyond to make VCS a model school district.

Award Criteria Overview:

Award winners are selected based on four key components: the character of the volunteer, the type and breadth of their volunteer service, and the measurable impact of their contributions to student success and school improvement.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Commitment to Student Learning:** The nominee must have a proven track record of exceptional commitment to student success.
- **Character Traits:** The nominee must exemplify a “kid-centered” attitude, including being kind, trustworthy, helpful, disciplined, efficient, joyful, frugal, policy-driven, and spunky.
- **Volunteer Service in the School Environment:** Volunteer work must be performed within the school environment.

Nomination Criteria

1. **Type of Volunteer Contribution (25%)**
 - **What was the nature of the volunteer's service?**
 - Description of the services and activities performed by the nominee.
 - Demonstrates the specific need or impact of those services on the school community.
2. **Character of Volunteer Service (25%)**
 - **How creative, unique, or innovative was the nominee's service?**
 - Evaluation of the quality and distinctiveness of the volunteer's contributions.
 - Consideration of the obstacles faced and overcome, the effort involved, and any accomplishments achieved.
3. **Breadth of Volunteer Contribution (25%)**
 - **How extensive is the volunteer's service?**
 - Number of years of service to the school or district.
 - Average number of hours volunteered per week.
 - The number of students impacted, either directly or indirectly, by the nominee's efforts.
4. **Impact of Volunteer Service (25%)**
 - **What measurable outcomes resulted from the nominee's volunteer work?**
 - Direct or indirect impact on student achievement.
 - Contribution to school improvement, including factors such as school climate, student behavior, attendance, etc.

Timeline:

- **January 31:** Nominations due from School Principals, PTA, VAFT, and the community.
- **February:** The selection committee meets to review nominations and select the awardee. The award will be presented during the Elk Tournament.

This rubric serves as a guideline to ensure a fair and comprehensive review of each nominee's contributions and impact. The selection committee will weigh each of the four categories equally to determine the award recipient.