



2011-2012

Parent Involvement Award

Highlighting Exemplary Programs in Florida Schools

Complete the information below: Please type or print legibly.

SCHOOLS: Return all applications to your District Volunteer Coordinator.

Region I II III IV V Elementary (PreK-5) Middle/Senior (6-12)

District

School Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Telephone ()

Project Name

Program Contact District

District Volunteer Coordinator Phone

SIGNATURES:

School Principal

School Advisory Council Chairman

PTA or Parent Organization President

District Volunteer Coordinator

Superintendent (District Level Winner)

DISTRICT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Mail the original and 6 copies of the application(s) to: Susan Walton, The Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, 325 West Gaines St., Room 544, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, by March 2, 2012.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Overview of Award

The purpose of this award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family involvement. Each school selected as a regional winner will designate a parent to represent the school in accepting the award during the Florida PTA Leadership Conference in July, 2012. Expenses for the school representative that will be reimbursed include: airfare over 200 miles, car mileage under 200 miles, two nights lodging, awards luncheon ticket.



Award Categories

Entries will be judged in each of two categories: Elementary School (PreK-5) and Middle/High School (6-12). Statewide, there will be a total of ten winners. Each district may submit two nominations: one elementary and one middle/high school.

Criteria for Selection

A nomination should reflect an innovative practice for recruitment, training, and/or recognition of parents and other family members. These could include, but not be limited to, programs that address: removing barriers, parenting, student learning, communicating, volunteering, training at school or at home, decision making, collaborating with the community, and others.



Judging

At the district level, the selection process will be organized by the District Community Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator. Nominations will be evaluated on:

- 1) Impact on family involvement
- 2) Ability to be replicated
- 3) Relationship to the goals and objectives of the schools
- 4) Participation of parents/families in planning and implementation
- 5) Uniqueness and innovation
- 6) Impact on school improvement
- 7) Numbers of parents participating in relationship to program capability to accommodate
- 8) Cost
- 9) Collaborative efforts

Entry Deadline for District Volunteer Coordinators

An original and 6 copies of the complete nomination form are to be received in the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach no later than 5:00 P.M., March 2, 2012.

Eligibility

The nomination is to be generated by the School Advisory Council, with input from the school's PTA or parent organization. Entries must be school projects that focus on a specific school-initiated parent/family involvement program or strategy. These could include innovative parent involvement strategies that place parent training sites away from the school and in the workplace, the church, or other convenient locations.



PROJECT NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

Facts and Figures

Contact person: _____

Project's mission: _____

Project's goals: _____

Project initiated by: Title I ESE ESOL PTA PTO Other

Total school enrollment: _____

Grade levels served by project: _____

Number served by project: _____ Parents _____ Students
 _____ Staff _____ Community Partners

Staff size: _____

Number of volunteers needed to implement project: _____ Parents
 _____ Staff _____ Students _____ Community Partners

Names of community or business partners involved in project:

Major sources of funding: _____

Budget (how much did the project cost): _____

Fees for participation: _____

Site location: _____

Program hours: _____

PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Welcoming All Families into the School Community
 Communicating Effectively
 Supporting Student Success
 Speaking Up for Every Child
 Sharing Power
 Collaborating with Community

<http://www.pta.org/1216.htm>

Program Description

Describe the nominated program in the space below.

- How does this program support the school goals and school improvement plan?
- How does this program address the areas of communication, parenting, student learning, volunteering, school decision making, and advocacy and collaborating with the community?
- Briefly describe the activities of the program, stressing their unique qualities. Indicate the number of parents, students, school staff, and/or community members who have participated. Indicate the amount of time spent this year on the program.
- Include how the program is funded and the approximate cost this year, including in-kind donations.
- Provide evidence of the substantive effect of this activity on the school, students, parents, teachers, or administrators.
- Describe collaborative efforts to implement program.



Are there materials available that can be shared with others who wish to duplicate your program?

Yes No

If yes, list materials and a brief description: