



Excellence in Education Awards Eligibility Criteria

Educator of the Year

Examples of instructional personnel who serve at the school or district level include:

- Classroom teachers / instructors in the School District of Manatee County – Grades Pre-K through 12
- Adult Education Teachers
- Postsecondary vocational/technical education teachers
- Department chairpersons who actively engage in classroom teaching
- Guidance Counselors
- Library Media Specialists
- Computer Lab Manager
- Reading, Science, Math or Graduation Coaches
- Speech and Language Pathologists
- Special area teachers (i.e. exceptional student education, foreign language, music)
- Student Support Specialists
- Testing Administrator
- Other professional educators performing instructional support services **with students** (i.e. school psychologists)

Educator nominees must be full-time district educators in an instructional position.

NOTE: School personnel who work in an administrative or supervisory capacity, such as principals, and SAMP employees are ineligible.

Support Employee of the Year

Examples of education support personnel who serve at the school or district level include:

- Administrative Secretaries and Clerks
- Bookkeepers, Junior Accountants
- Bus Drivers, Bus Aides, Dispatchers & Route Coordinators
- Custodians
- Food & Nutritional Staff
- Guidance Clerks
- Information Technology Staff
- Lab Specialists
- LPN's
- Maintenance and Operations workers
- Mechanics
- Paraprofessionals / Teacher Aide
- Payroll Staff
- Print Services
- Registrars
- Sign Language Interpreters
- Security Staff and Safety Guardians
- Vehicle Maintenance Workers
- Warehouse workers, Shipping & Receiving

Support nominees may be full or part-time employees.

NOTE: Certified instructional, administrative (SAMP) personnel and contracted employees are ineligible.