



Excellence in Education Awards Eligibility Criteria

Educator of the Year

- Classroom teachers 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
- Media specialists
- Speech/language pathologists
- Special area teachers (i.e. exceptional student education, foreign language, music)
- Other professional educators performing instructional support services **with students** (i.e. school psychologists)

Educator nominees must be full-time district educators. School personnel who work in an administrative or supervisory capacity, such as principals, are ineligible.

Support Employee of the Year

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

- Teacher or Library aides
- Teacher assistants
- Bookkeepers
- Secretaries and Clerks
- Registrars
- Bus Drivers, Bus Aides/Monitors
- Food Service staff
- Custodians
- Maintenance and Operations workers
- Warehouse workers
- Mechanics
- LPN's

Support nominees may be full or part-time employees. Certified instructional, administrative (SAMP) personnel and contracted employees are ineligible.