

New Hampshire School Administrators Association 2019 Champions for Children Awards

For distinguished public service to benefit children in New Hampshire

1. **BACKGROUND ON THE NHSAA CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN AWARDS:**
The New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA), a non-profit corporation dedicated to improving the quality of education for public school children, has established a CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN award program to recognize New Hampshire citizens who have given distinguished public service to benefit children. The NHSAA organization includes New Hampshire Superintendents of Schools, Assistant Superintendents, School Business Officials, Special Education Directors, and other school system administrators.
2. **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:**
 - A. Each nominee for the NHSAA CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN award must embody, through action, the beliefs in the NHSAA CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN policy (listed below).
 - B. The nominee must live or work in New Hampshire
 - C. The nominee must be initially selected by NHSAA members in an SAU
 - D. NHSAA members or their families are not eligible for the award
 - E. School board members and school staff are eligible for this award for extraordinary service to children that is above and beyond their normal responsibilities. Nominees who are Board members or employees are more than excellent in their roles. Their nomination shall reflect unique and special service that, on a voluntary basis, champions the cause for children. School Board members and school staff are not eligible for this award as a result of their normal service.
3. **NOMINATION FORM:**
You may nominate more than one person, but we ask that you use a separate form for each nominee. Please summarize your nominee's activities in one hundred (100) words or less on that form. Support materials (letters, newspaper articles, your own thoughts, etc.) may be attached. Each nomination must be accompanied by three letters of reference. Please note that we do not accept faxed nominations.
4. **SELECTION PROCESS:**
 - A. **BY FEBRUARY 4, 2019** each SAU's NHSAA members may select a nominee. The nomination form and attachments must be sent to the NHSAA Regional Chairperson. The SAU administrators will determine how to honor the SAU CHAMPION. NHSAA will provide a certificate to each SAU champion.
 - B. **BY MARCH 18, 2019** each Regional Chairperson will select the REGIONAL CHAMPION. We suggest each chairperson appoint two other members of the region, from different SAUs, to work with him/her to select the REGIONAL CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN. We suggest each region invite their CHAMPION to a breakfast or luncheon.
 - C. **BY APRIL 5, 2019** the Committee of Judges, having received the letters about the five regional champions, will select the STATE CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN who will be honored by NHSAA at a state-wide event scheduled for **MAY 10, 2019**. All regional winners will receive a plaque at that event.



**We are
Champions for Children
Our Guiding Principals are to...**



- *Champion efforts designed to successfully provide for the needs of all children.*
- *Effectively advocate for an equitable and comprehensive public education for all children, wherever they may reside.*
- *Take every opportunity to assert and defend the idea that public education is a public good and that it is essential to our democracy and economy.*
- *Promote the development and sharing of effective leadership and educational practices that ensure the prudent stewardship of public resources.*
- *Lead in providing timely and substantive learning opportunities to educators in New Hampshire and New England.*
- *Build NHSAA into a highly productive organization that consistently seeks new ways to identify and meet members' needs.*

We believe it is both an honor and a responsibility to reaffirm the worth and dignity of every child, to champion this cause and to create an enlightened citizenry.