



**Outstanding School Support Employees
of the Year**

School Health Provider of the Year

2023-2024 School Year

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Outstanding School Support Employees Award Overview



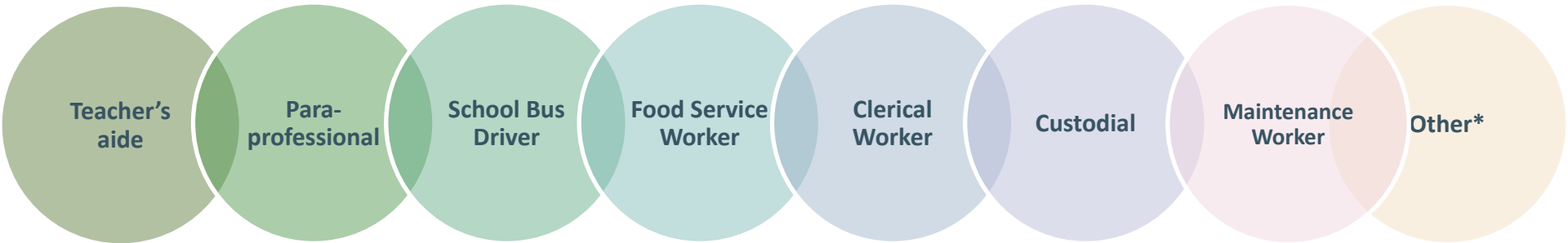
Outstanding School Support Employees Award

- The [Outstanding School Support Employee Award](#) provides the opportunity to acknowledge those support employees who have rendered time and talents beyond the call of duty.
- All school systems are encouraged to select up to three support staff, one per division (elementary, middle and high) as their local-level honorees and submit these candidates to the state process.



Outstanding School Support Employee Award

The nominee must be an employee of a Louisiana public school system and serve in a position that does not require a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment.



**Other includes local public school board employees who are not required to hold a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment*





Benefits of Participation in the Awards Program



Benefits to School Systems

Provides school systems with the opportunity to:

- Celebrate, honor and reward outstanding school support employees.
- Shine the light on school support employees contributing to school and student success.
- Call state-wide attention to great work taking place in school systems.
- **Recruit** and **retain** outstanding school support employees.



Benefits to Candidates

Provides the school support employee the opportunity to:

- Be recognized and celebrated for their outstanding work.
- Serve as the representative to promote the role of all school support employees in the education system.
- Develop and amplify their voice to advocate for the profession.
- Build relationships with other exemplary support staff throughout Louisiana.

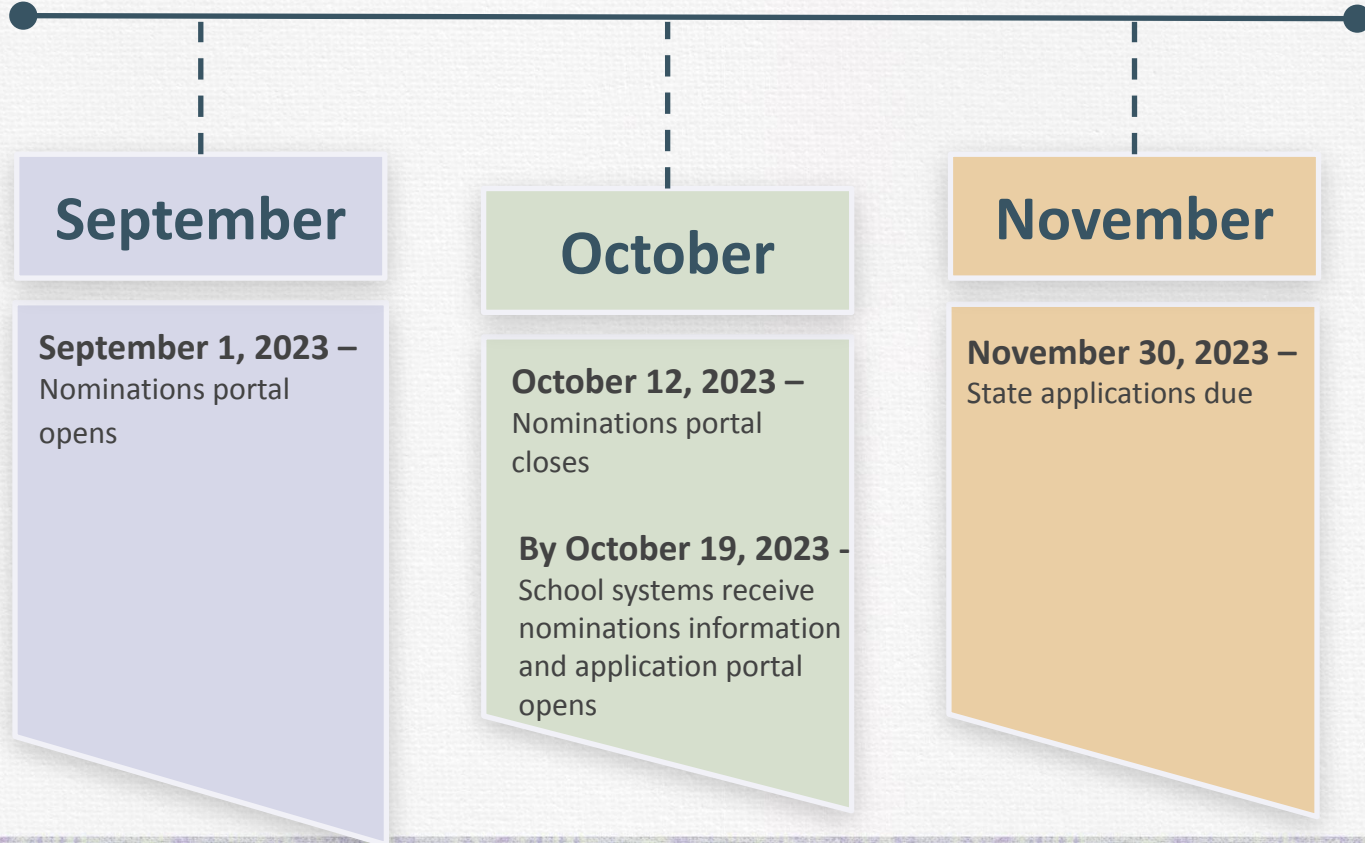




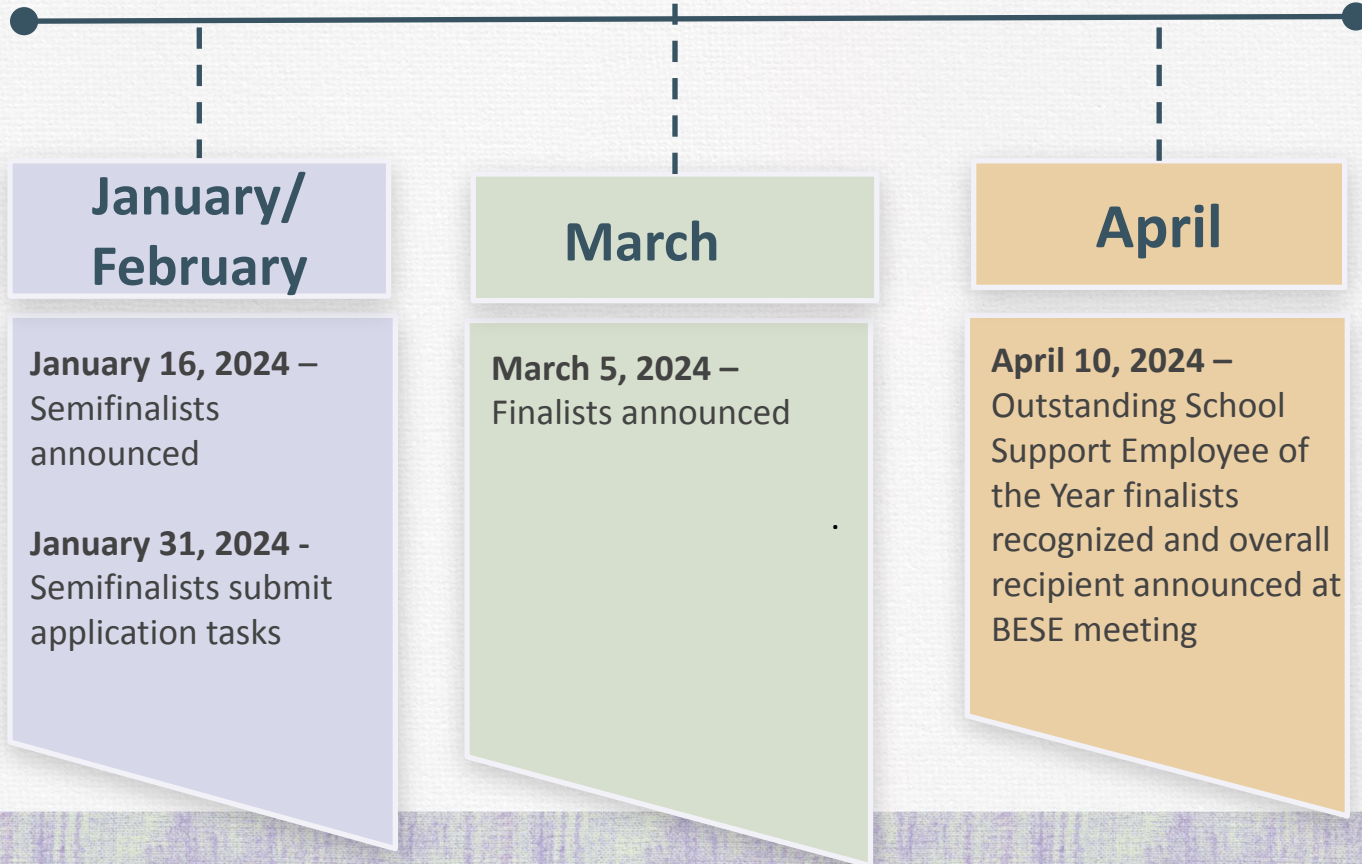
Outstanding School Support Employees Timeline



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Outstanding School Support Application Process



Nomination Process

- Part of the nomination process includes nominations from teachers, principals, district employees, parents, colleagues, and community members.
- The nominations portal is open and will close on October 12.
- Upon portal close, the nomination information will be shared with school systems for their consideration.
- [Nomination portal link](#)



School System Selections

- All school systems are encouraged to select up to three support staff, one for elementary, middle and high, to move to the state process.
- School systems may utilize their own process to identify their support staff selections. For those who don't have a process in place, these selections may come from the nominations information.
- When the application portal opens, school systems will be notified.
- School systems are to report their selections are by November 30.



Award Criteria



Criteria

An exemplary candidate is one who meets these criteria:

Skill and
dedication

Plans to
continue active
employment

Respect of and
rapport with
students

Respect of and
rapport with
parents

Respect of and
rapport with
coworkers

Community
leadership





Resources



Resources

Information about the Outstanding School Support Employees awards program may be found on the [Awards](#) page and in the [Resources Library](#).



Questions?

Submit questions to childnutritionprograms@la.gov.





School Health Service Provider of the Year Award



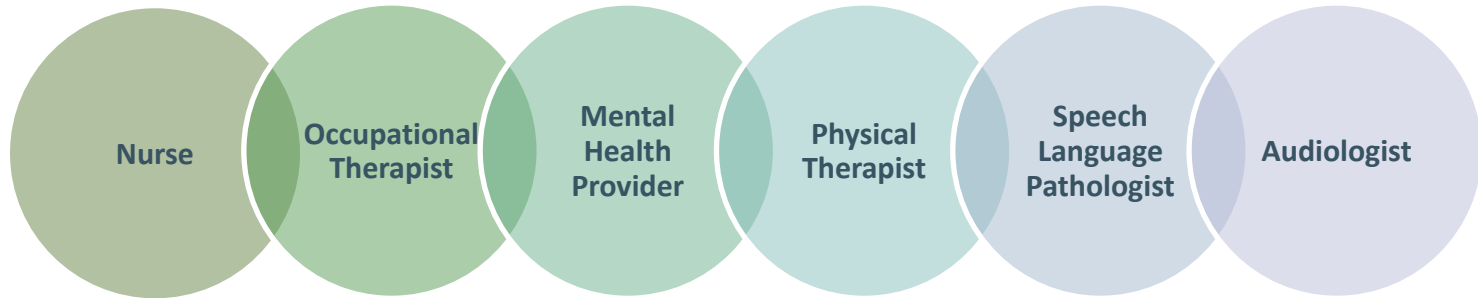
Outstanding School Health Service Provider Award

- Student health plays a vital role in education and that school health providers are the critical link in ensuring health service delivery to students.
- Provides an opportunity to acknowledge school health service providers who demonstrate superior provision of health services in schools and support the expansion of health services in schools.



Outstanding School Support Employee Award

The nominee must be an employed or contracted by a Louisiana school and have a license or certification to practice in the school setting.





Benefits of Participation in the Awards Program



Timeline

September

September 12, 2023 –
Nominations portal
opens.

September 13, 2023
Informational call to
review the
application process.

October

October 12, 2023 –
Nominations portal
closes

October 19, 2023 -
Nominees notified

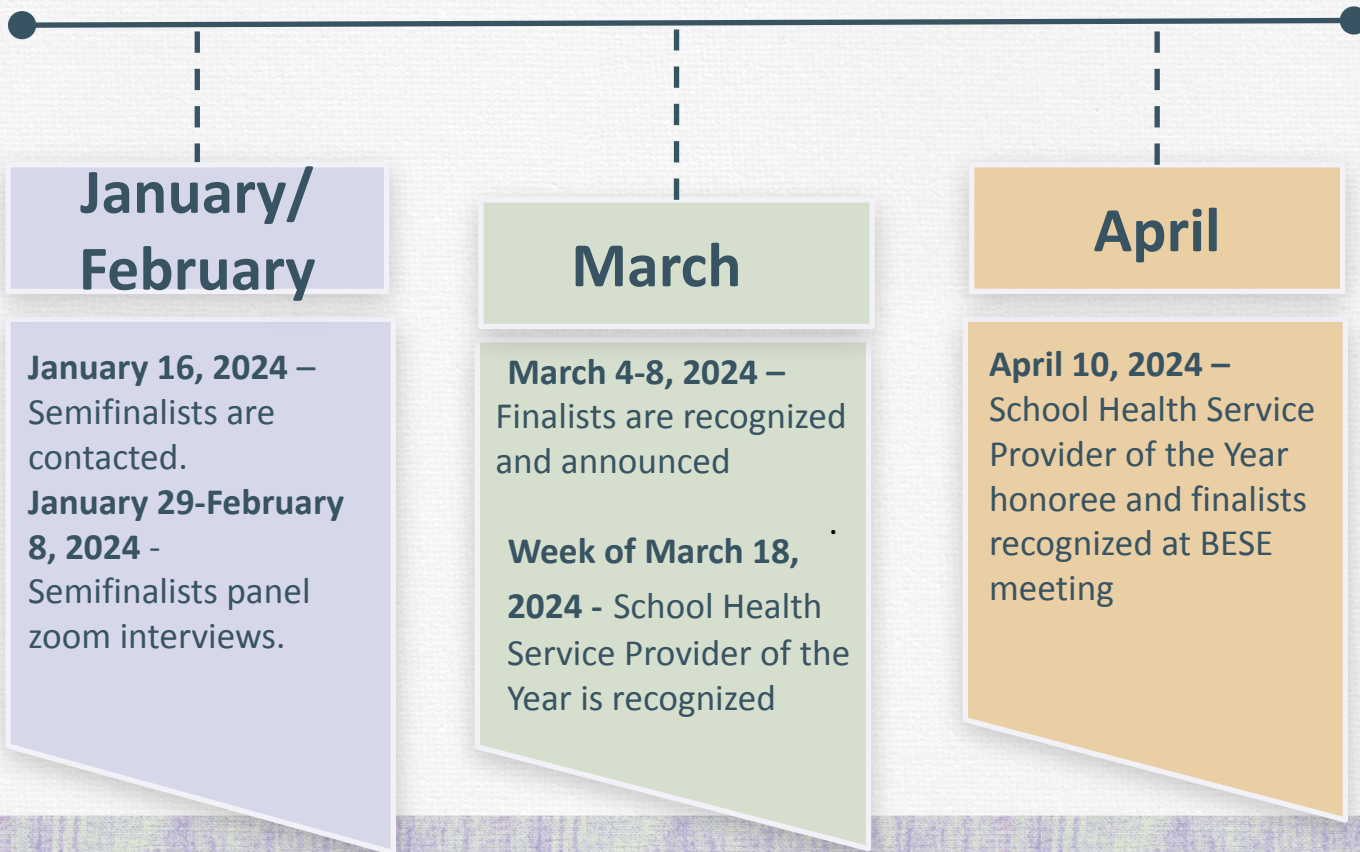
November

November 1, 2023-
Nominee Webinar

November 30, 2023 –
Provider Applications
Due.



Timeline





Nomination Process

School administrators, teachers, providers, and parents are invited to

- [Nominate](#) an outstanding school nurse, behavioral health provider, speech therapist, OT or PT for the 2023-2024 School Health Service Provider Award.
- Nominations will be accepted through October 12.
- More information about the award may be found in the [award overview](#).

Please contact elizabeth.duncan@la.gov with questions.



School Health Service Provider of the Year Award Application

The application includes:

- Basic information including name, email and school system
- Applicant provider type (nurse, OT, PT, speech, etc.)
- License type (LMSW, LOTR, DPT, etc.)
- Written responses to essay questions (500 maximum word count per response)
- Links to websites as demonstration of work may be included
- Link(s) to accomplishments that showcase work may be included



Criteria

Knowledge and Expertise in Field

Professional Growth

Advocate for Student Health

Health Program Growth



Represent their Profession



Benefits to School Systems

Provides school systems with the opportunity to:

- Celebrate, honor and reward outstanding health providers for the hard work, dedication and success.
- Call state-wide attention to the exceptional work taking place in school systems.
- Shine the light on the innovative work and leadership within school healthcare.
- Recruit and retain school health providers.



Benefits to Candidates

Provides the healthcare provider the opportunity to:

- Develop and amplify their voice to advocate for the profession.
- Empower participation in policy discussions to improve healthcare for all children.
- Hone their leadership skills through professional learning opportunities.
- Serve as the representative to promote the role of their license in the education system.
- Build relationships with other exemplary educators throughout Louisiana.



Resources

- [School Health Service Provider of the Year overview](#)
- [School Health Provider Rubric](#)

For questions, email elizabeth.duncan@la.gov.



Next Steps

Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year:

This program recognizes outstanding school support employees, including teacher's aides, paraprofessionals, school bus drivers, food service workers, clerical, custodial, maintenance or other personnel that does not require a teacher's certificate as a condition of employment.

- [Nominations portal](#) + [Overview information](#)
- Please contact childnutritionprograms@la.gov with questions.

School Health Service Provider of the Year:

This program recognizes outstanding school nurses, school behavioral health providers (licensed counselor, psychologist, social worker), speech language pathologist/audiologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

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