



TASN AWARD GUIDELINES

SCHOOL NUTRITION SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award for school food and nutrition employees is designed to recognize the valuable program contribution of persons who work with the school food and nutrition manager to prepare and serve appetizing meals in a pleasing atmosphere. These employees determine, to a great extent, if the program is an outstanding program or merely ordinary.

Employees influence the quality of school food and nutrition programs by their appearance, attitude, interest in young people, cooperation, work attendance, creativity, attitude about professional growth and training, and their willingness to “go an extra mile” when necessary. These qualities are used to evaluate the award entries. Employees who are preparing and serving the food are the “Heart of the Program”.

LOCAL CHAPTER PROCEDURES

The school food and nutrition employees (*excluding the manager*) will select one TASN member from the school food and nutrition staff to represent that school in the system competition. Each employee should vote by a secret ballot on **February 1st**.

Each person’s program-influencing qualities should be considered in the selection of the person who receives the School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award.

This information should be given to the principal and the manager who prepares the School Nutrition Specialist of the Year entry form for the school’s entry in the system competition by the deadline.

Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

All school districts are encouraged to participate in the School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award. Names of the Local Chapter School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award winners (one per chapter) will be featured in TASN publications. The School Nutrition Specialist of the Year award winners will be recognized at the TASN Annual Conference.

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