



## **Florida Department of Education Golden and Silver School Awards**

### **Timeline**

- January** Nomination forms are distributed to district volunteer coordinators.
- March 30-June 26** Nomination forms must be submitted online by clicking [2019-2020 Golden & Silver School Awards](#) during the application window. All information must be submitted electronically as part of the online form. Submissions received after **June 26** will not be considered.
- March 30-June 26** Submissions are reviewed and certificates are distributed.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

The Florida Department of Education Golden and Silver School Awards are presented annually to recognize exemplary schools that promote family and community engagement in education. The Golden School Award recognizes elementary, secondary, and adult schools with exemplary volunteer programs. The Silver School Award recognizes secondary schools that provide volunteer services to elementary or other secondary schools. Combination schools (servicing K-8, K-12, or 6-12 populations), may select the award category (Golden or Silver) that most aligns to the volunteer service and award criteria.

### **Nomination Criteria**

#### **The Golden School Award**

- The Golden School Award recognizes elementary, secondary, and adult schools that meet the following criteria:
- Eighty percent (80%) of the school staff is trained in school volunteerism.
- A school volunteer coordinator is designated for recruitment, placement, training and supervision of school volunteers.

The total number of hours of volunteer service equals or exceeds the number of students enrolled in the school. For example: 2,000 students = 2,000 volunteer hours. Any volunteer activity which contributes to student improvement may be counted (e.g., mentoring, fundraising, tutoring students, chaperoning, etc.).

## **The Silver School Award**

The Silver School Award recognizes secondary schools that provide exemplary services to elementary and other secondary schools. Schools must meet the following criteria for either sending or receiving services:

- The nominating secondary school must have a volunteer coordinator who provides coordination of the program, placement of student volunteers, orientation/training of staff, student/program evaluation and student volunteer supervision.
- The elementary or secondary school receiving services from the nominated secondary school must have a volunteer coordinator who provides coordination of the program, placement of secondary student volunteers, orientation/training of the receiving staff, student/program evaluation and student volunteer supervision.
- Student volunteers must receive orientation and training.
- The total number of hours of volunteer service equals at least one third of the number of students enrolled in the school. For example: 2,000 students = 600 volunteer hours.
- Note: Elementary schools are not eligible for this award.

### **Nomination Submission**

Once state eligibility requirements have been met and district nominations have been determined, the District Volunteer Coordinator may access the Golden and Silver School Awards nomination form by clicking [2019-2020 Golden & Silver School Awards](#)

Prior to completing the online application, please prepare the documents [Golden School Nomination Form](#) and [Silver School Nomination Form](#) for file upload. School names must be listed as they will be printed on their certificates and include the number of years the award has been received. Certificates will be printed from the information provided; therefore, please ensure accuracy with each entry.

Applications for the Golden and Silver School Awards will be received beginning **March 30** through **June 26**.

**Award requirements have been revised for the 2019-2020 academic year**

