



Superstars in Education

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Awards Nomination Form

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

Over the last two decades, more than 250 educational programs have received a Superstars in Education award. Every day, Delaware's teachers, administrators and staff go above and beyond to deliver quality classroom environments for their students. Superstars in Education celebrates the commitment and dedication of Delaware's education community by recognizing their innovations and achievements. All Delaware schools are eligible for recognition.

What is the Superstars in Education Awards Program?

Created in 1989 and supported by the business community, Superstars in Education is a statewide program that recognizes members of Delaware's education community who have implemented and sustained best practices and innovative educational programs. Superstars in Education remains dedicated to sharing educational best practices, focusing on student skill development and increased academic achievement to help ensure students are career ready or prepared to pursue postsecondary education.

This year we are highlighting excellence in science teaching, integrated classroom technology practices, and school-to-career partnerships. Additionally, a special award will be presented recognizing business/community leadership in supporting education.

The Superstars in Education Program culminates in a recognition reception attended by business and community leaders, educators, administrators and elected officials. The winners will receive awards and be featured in the May/June 2015 issue of the State Chamber's magazine, *Delaware Business*. **Mark your calendar for our 2016 celebration to be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 starting at 4:45 PM.**

How can a program be nominated for an award?

Simply complete the following steps:

- Complete the section labeled "Awards Nomination Form."
- Prepare a list of individuals responsible for the program.
- Provide a written response to the Evaluation Criteria.
- Attach additional supporting documentation to your nomination (optional).
- Comply with the Family Rights and Educational Privacy Act.
- Email your completed nomination materials before 4:30 PM on Friday, February 19, 2016.

What will program receive if they win?

Each winner will receive:

- Recognition at the celebration reception on Monday, May 2, 2016
- The Superstars in Education Crystal Award (one award will be given per winning program)
- A Superstars in Education winner's banner for your school and a framed certificate.
- Inclusion in a feature article in the May/June 2016 issue of the State Chamber's magazine, *Delaware Business*.
- Inclusion in press releases to promote winning programs.
- An opportunity to share your program with other educators.
- An opportunity to use Superstars recognition in support of school funding and grant applications.



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How does the selection and evaluation process work?

All completed nominations will be reviewed by the Superstars in Education Selection Committee. Nominations will be evaluated on a 100-point scale. The evaluation rubric is included (see below). All submission must be sent electronically. Please send to Mark DiMaio at mdimaio@dscc.com.

How do I know if I am eligible?

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Programs must be in place for at least two years and show measurable results.
- Programs must be student-growth oriented (skill development and academic growth).
- Programs must support best teaching and professional practices that systematically improve student skill development and work towards raising student achievement.
- Previous applicants may be nominated.
- Previous winning programs may be nominated.

What is the program timeline?

- Thursday, January 7, 2016 – Nomination forms emailed to all Delaware schools.
- Friday, February 19, 2016, 4:30 p.m. – Deadline for nomination submissions.
- February 22, 2016 to March 4, 2016 – Nominations evaluated.
- Friday, March 12, 2016 – Winners notified.
- Monday, May 2, 2016 – Winners honored at the celebration reception.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION.

1. **Provide a written response to the following Evaluation Criteria. The Evaluation Criteria response must be prepared on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, one-sided, single-spaced, 12 point, and Times New Roman font, not to exceed two pages.**

Evaluation Criteria (evaluation rubric)

- **Summary:** Write a 250-word-or-less summary that describes the teaching practice and/or program. This summary may be included in promotional material for the Superstars program.
 - **Needs Assessment:** State the objective of the teaching practice and/or program in the context of how the program contributes to improved student skill development and increased academic performance. Describe why the program was developed and the specific area of student growth it addresses (personal, academic, and/or vocational)
 - **Action Plan:** Specify how you implemented the practice/program and offer recommendations as to how it might be replicated in other school settings. Describe how the program will be sustained and possibly expanded.
 - **Results:** Describe the program's measurable results and show how the implementation of the program contributed to improved student skill development and higher student achievement. Produce evidence of positive impact from the practice/program that is verified by as many sources as possible (i.e. standardized tests, state tests, survey data, qualitative indicators, etc.).
 - **Educational Impact:** This is a critical element. Demonstrate the long-term educational impact of the practice/program. Specifically identify key academic standards, skills being taught and mastered and other student outcomes to be improved.
2. **Additional supporting documentation (up to but not exceeding 2 pages) may be attached. Additional documentation must use the same format as directed for the Evaluation Criteria.**
 3. **Provide a list that names all individuals responsible for the program including job titles. Individuals listed will be recognized at the awards reception if the program is selected as a winner. Can be a separate page.**
 4. **Complete the "Awards Nomination Form" on the following page.**

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2016 Superstars in Education Awards Nomination Form

NAME OF PROGRAM: (Please print legibly or type.) _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CONTACT PERSON: _____ DATE: _____

APPLICANT E-MAIL: _____

DISTRICT (if applicable): _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

SCOPE OF PROGRAM: ☐ DISTRICTWIDE ☐ SCHOOLWIDE ☐ CLASSROOM

THIS PROGRAM FOCUSES ON: ☐ ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ☐ SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ☐ BOTH

HOW LONG HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN IN EFFECT: _____ YEARS

GRADE LEVEL: (circle all that apply) Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

****If the above becomes a winning practice/program, we agree to participate in a sharing forum to assist other schools in learning about and using this program. ****

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Email completed nominations to: Mark DiMaio at mdimaio@dsc.com

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If you have questions regarding the nomination process, please call Mark DiMaio Superstars in Education Program for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce at (302) 576-6575 or (800) 292-9507 from Kent and Sussex Counties.



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