



# School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award

*(Formerly the Heart of the Program Award)*

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The employee listed below as nominee is eligible and meets the following criteria for the Local Chapter School Nutrition Specialist of the Year award:

1. Is an active TASN Member.
2. Is below management level. (Managers are not eligible for this award).

✧ **The principal and manager prepare the School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Entry Form for the school's entry in the system competition.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box City Zip

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School District Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box City Zip

Principal/Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a typed and signed paragraph stating why the above member is deserving of this award and why he/she should be selected.**

**In order to be recognized at the TASN Conference, this form must be submitted to the TASN headquarters office by February 15, 2024.**

**Please review second page.**

# SCHOOL NUTRITION SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

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.**

**The entry form should be submitted to TASN Headquarters office by February 15, 2024. Entries received after February 15, 2024 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 published in the fall issue of the TASNNews. The School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award Winners will be recognized at the State Conference.

<p>To qualify for this award, submit to TASN Headquarters by: February 15, 2024.</p>
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