Texas State Board of Education

The State Board of Education established the **Heroes for Children** award program in 1994. The award is designed to recognize excellence in advocacy for education and to spotlight the many outstanding volunteers whose efforts represent significant contributions to public school education in Texas.

Since its beginning, the award has provided a means to recognize Texas residents whose efforts have benefited the public schoolchildren of our state or who have, in the Board's judgment, been advocates for Texas schoolchildren. The award honors volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to student learning or who have demonstrated sustained periods of involvement and support of public education. Each year, the 15-member Board recognizes one **Hero** from each of their districts. The **Heroes** are honored each fall at a ceremony during a board meeting.

Nomination Guidelines

Who may be nominated?

- An individual person --a resident of Texas --who gives time, effort, service, and support to public schools and students and who advocates for students and for public education in general in Texas

Who may NOT be nominated?

- An elected government office-holder, or an educational employee, such as a school employee or an education agency employee.
- Organizations

Who may do the nominating?

- An individual, a group of individuals, or an organization

What are the steps for making a nomination?

- Fill out the three-part application and send to TEA. Be sure the application includes all pertinent facts about the nominee, the nominee's permission to be nominated, an essay written by the nominee about his or her advocacy for Texas public education, and an essay from the person or group making the nomination about the **Hero for Children** nominee.
- This is an Adobe PDF form that may be digitally filled out with a current version of Acrobat Reader. Once the electronic form is completed, please either print and mail or email the completed form to the TEA. Please print a copy of the application for record as submitted applications will not be returned.

Other Guidelines?

- Application should be typed or computer printed. It should not be handwritten.
- Be sure to carefully read and follow the instructions on each part of the application.
- Determine which State Board of Education district the nominee lives in, and write the district number in the space provided on the application. To determine the State Board districts, go to: www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us, under "Find Your Incumbent," click on "By Address," then type in the home address of the nominee and find the State Board member's district number.
- Make sure the application is completely filled out and includes all signatures and both essays. If the application is incomplete, it will not be reviewed.
- Be sure to keep a copy of the application, submitted applications will not be returned.
- **If you have any questions, please call TEA at 512-463-9839.**

Heroes for Children

Application Form—Part 1

Year

General Application Form

State Board of Education District # **(SBOE district where Hero candidate lives.)**

Find Your Incumbent (www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us)

NOMINEE Information:

Nominee Name:

Address: Street and/or P.O. Box City TX Zip Code

Phone # **Fax #** **e-mail:**

Occupation: **Employer:**

School District or Charter School, *and* Campus where the nominee is a volunteer:

Is the nominee currently serving in any ELECTED government public office? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The nominee agrees *that any and all attached written information and photo may be used by the* Texas Education Agency *and shared with others to promote the* **Heroes for Children** *program, including publication in print and on the internet.*

Signature of Nominee

☐ By selecting this box, I designate the above electronic version of my name as my signature.

To help with pronunciation, please spell the nominee's name **phonetically** on the line below.

NOMINATOR Information:

Nominated by:

Address: Street and/or P.O. Box City TX Zip Code

Phone # **Fax #** **e-mail:**

Signature of Nominator

☐ By selecting this box, I designate the above electronic version of my name as my signature.

Return all 3 parts of completed application to: **Heroes for Children**

Communications Division
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

Applications may be **mailed**, or **faxed** to 512-463-9838, or **emailed** to Heroes@tea.state.tx.us.
Questions? Call 512-463-9839

Application Form—Part 2

Year

Essay #1 - NOMINEE's essay on Education and Volunteering

(Two pages, typed, double-spaced)

Nominee Name

As a nominee for the **Heroes for Children** award, please tell about your reasons for volunteering in schools or districts. Please include your most significant contributions and accomplishments as an advocate for education.

Application Form—Part 2

Year

Essay #1 - NOMINEE's essay on Education and Volunteering

Application Form—Part 3

Year

Essay #2 - NOMINATOR

Nominee Name

Why I am nominating **as a Hero for Children.**

Please explain why you believe your nominee should be recognized statewide as a hero for children and should receive the **Heroes for Children** award. Be sure to include some specific examples of the volunteer work performed.

Submit by Email

Print Form