



CHAMPION OF EDUCATION AWARD

2026 Guidelines & Entry Form

The North Carolina School Boards Association wishes to recognize those individuals, businesses, community members, school district administrators and employees, state legislators, and school board members who have demonstrated ongoing dedication to the success of our K-12 students and the betterment of public schools in North Carolina for the Champion of Education award.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Examples of those who could be considered for the award include, but *are not* limited to

- Serving on committees or advisory boards
- Volunteering in schools
- Initiating creative solution(s) to address district leadership challenges
- Sponsoring academic clubs or events
- Inspiring support for quality public schools through action and word (lobbying for federal/state legislation, participating in advocacy planning, publications, etc.)
- Providing career exploration opportunities for students (internships, job-shadowing, co-ops)

NOMINATION SPECIFICATIONS

- A completed entry form which includes a summary statement
- A maximum 500-word narrative which details how the nominee has demonstrated ongoing dedication to student success and the betterment of public schools in North Carolina
- Champion of Education Official Endorsement Form with the approval of the School Board Chair

OPTIONAL BACKUP MATERIALS

Backup materials to support the nomination are welcome (pictures, publications, letters of support, etc.).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All items listed under the nomination specifications must be received by NCSBA on or before **September 28, 2026**.



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Champion of Education Award Nominee: _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT

In five to seven sentences, please summarize the nominee's most notable contributions that demonstrate their dedication to student success and the betterment of public schools in North Carolina.

Please submit the information below with the completed entry form

- ☐ 500-word (maximum) narrative
- ☐ Official Endorsement Form
- ☐ Backup Materials (optional)

Entries must be submitted on or before **September 28, 2026**.



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2026 Official Endorsement Form

This is to certify that the

Name of Board of Education

has taken official action to endorse its nomination of

Nominee Name

for the North Carolina School Boards Association's Champion of Education Award.

Board Chair's Signature

Print Board Chair's Name