



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

2026 Guidelines & Entry Form

This honor is presented to a board of county commissioners that has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in positively impacting student achievement within the school district.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Nomination by the local school board
- A demonstrated focus on the community's schools through collaboration with the school board, local agencies, and community groups

NOMINATION SPECIFICATIONS

- A completed entry form which includes a summary statement
- A 500-word maximum narrative which details how the leadership of the county commissioners positively impacted student achievement within the district. Narrative responses should include specific decisions or actions that were taken along with a clear connection to the outcomes.
- Completed County Commissioners of the Year Endorsement Form
- Digital photo of nominee sent as .png or .jpeg file, 300 dpi minimum

OPTIONAL BACKUP MATERIALS

The judges will focus primarily on response to the narrative; however, backup materials to support the nomination are welcome (news articles, promotional handouts, 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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County Commissioners Award Nominee: _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT

In five to seven sentences, please summarize the most notable contributions of the county commissioner's leadership that positively impacted student achievement within the district.

Please be sure to submit the information below with the completed endorsement form

- ☐ A 500-word (maximum) narrative
- ☐ Digital photo of nominee as .png or .jpeg file, 300 dpi minimum
- ☐ Backup Materials (optional)

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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 the

Board of Commissioners for the NCSBA County Commissioners of the Year Award.

Board Chair's Signature

Print Board Chair's Name