



## **Know someone who is committed to school nutrition?**

### **Nominate them today.**

Here's a chance to honor your outstanding school nutrition star. The FAME Awards are the most prestigious acknowledgment of success in our industry. Each year the awards are presented to outstanding leaders, recognizing them for achievement, innovation, and service. Be a part of this tradition by nominating a leader who brings the spirit of FAME to life.

The **2017** FAME Awards ceremony will be held during the School Nutrition Association's School Nutrition Industry Conference. Awards will be presented in Orlando, Florida on Sunday, **January 22, 2017**

### **Eligibility Rules**

#### **Nominees**

- All school nutrition professionals who are members of SNA, in addition to special supporters of school nutrition, are eligible for nomination.
- In a given year, a school nutrition professional may be nominated and judged for both a Silver Star Award and the Golden Star Award, but may win in only one category, with the Golden Star Award taking precedence.
- While director nominees are limited to receiving one Silver Star Award during their careers as directors, they are also eligible to receive the Golden Star Award.
- Career changes may make past FAME Award winners eligible to receive different FAME Awards. Past FAME Award winners are not eligible to receive the same award.
- All winners must be in good standing with the industry.
- Employees of the sponsoring companies and/or their agencies are not eligible.
- Any one nominator may only nominate two (2) unique nominees in a single nomination period.

Selection committee and sponsors reserve the right to disqualify any nominee or winner.

**To Learn More About the FAME Awards  
Visit [www.fameawards.net](http://www.fameawards.net).**



### How To Nominate a Candidate

Simply follow this easy five-step process. Provide your contact information. Provide your nominee's contact information. Select an Award Category. Create an Achievement Summary by answering the category questions, and Submit the Nomination. All information must be provided for your nominee to be considered for judging.

Please type or print legibly.

#### 1. Nominator Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your First and Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/District/Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

#### How did you hear about the FAME Awards?

- FoodService Director Print Ad
- Food Management Print Ad
- School Nutrition Print Ad
- Magazine Article
- SNA Communication

FoodService Director K-12  
Spotlight eNewsletter

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Nominee Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Their First and Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/District/Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Enrollment Number of Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Breakfasts Served Daily

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Lunches Served Daily

\_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Foodservice Budget

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years as a Director\*  
\*Only required for Gold Star, Leadership, and Rising Star Nominees

\_\_\_\_\_  
SNA Membership Number\*\*  
\*\*Not necessary for Friend of Child Nutrition nominee



**3. Award Categories**

There are six awards. Choose the one that best fits your nominee by carefully reading the description for each. After you've made your selection, clearly mark your choice in the box provided. To nominate someone for more than one award, please submit a separate form.

*Nominees for all awards except Friend of Child Nutrition must be active SNA members.*

If you have any questions about the appropriate award for your nominee, please call us at 252-249-1185.

(✓) **Please check one award only.**

**GOLDEN STAR DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL NUTRITION AWARD**

- School Nutrition Director of the Year**— (More than 12 years of experience as a director) A director who demonstrates outstanding achievement in leadership, spirit/dedication, innovation, career awards, management/systems, humanitarianism/community involvement, and bettering the lives of students.

**SILVER STAR SCHOOL NUTRITION AWARDS**

- Leadership Award**— (Twelve or fewer years of experience as a director) A director who demonstrates outstanding leadership, dedication, fiscal achievement, and innovation in menuing and merchandising.
- Spirit Award**—A person in a management position such as an assistant director or coordinator who shows commitment to the people and programs of school nutrition and distinguishes her/himself through innovative programs, marketing, training, customer service, and/or staff motivation.
- Rising Star Award**—(Five or fewer years of experience as a director) A director whose contributions make a marked difference in the district's school nutrition program.
- Special Achievement Award**—(10,000 or fewer enrollment) A director who demonstrates exceptional ability to recognize and solve problems unique to small districts.
- Friend of Child Nutrition Award**—Advocate of school nutrition such as a principal, state association representative, or community leader. Supports school nutrition beyond the scope of normal professional duties. Child nutrition directors and department heads are NOT eligible for this award.

**4. Achievement Summary**

Once you've matched your nominee's accomplishments with the appropriate award, use the questions provided with each award to create an achievement summary. This is what the FAME selection committee will use to determine the winners.

A fillable form for each award follows this page; Please keep your answers concise. Additional materials such as article clippings, samples, videos etc., will not be accepted.



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**GOLDEN STAR DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLNUTRITION AWARD**

**School Nutrition Director of the Year—** (More than 12 years of experience as a director) A director who demonstrates outstanding achievement in leadership, spirit/dedication, innovation, career awards, management/systems, humanitarianism/community involvement, and bettering the lives of students. Please type your answers in the boxes below.

1. Describe three of your nominee's most outstanding leadership skills.

2. In what ways does your nominee show dedication to school nutrition?

3. How has your nominee bettered the lives of children in his/her district?

4. Give specific examples of your nominee's innovation in management/systems.

5. Highlight your nominee's career awards and industry involvement.



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**Leadership Award**—(Twelve or fewer years of experience as a director) A director who demonstrates outstanding leadership, dedication, fiscal achievement, and innovation in menuing and merchandising. Please type your answers in the boxes below.

1. Describe your nominee's most outstanding leadership skill.

2. Give an example of how your nominee demonstrated commitment to their school nutrition program or profession (include measurable results achieved).

3. Give an example of a fiscal achievement accomplished by your nominee (include specific financial results such as end-of-year fund balance or other financial indicator).

4. Describe how your nominee delivers innovative menu solutions despite labor and equipment obstacles.



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**Spirit Award**—A person in a management position such as an assistant director or coordinator who shows commitment to the people and programs of school nutrition and distinguishes her/himself through innovative programs, marketing, training, customer service, and/or staff motivation. Please type your answers in the boxes below.

1. Describe how your nominee demonstrates a high level of professional commitment to school nutrition programs.

2. Give an example of how your nominee has made a difference for people in their school community (Include measurable results achieved).

3. Give an example of an innovative program (e.g. marketing, training, customer service) implemented by your nominee (Include measurable results achieved).

4. Describe how your nominee contributes to high morale of work associates and/or professional colleagues.



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**Rising Star Award**—(Five or fewer years of experience as a director) A director whose contributions make a marked difference in the district's school nutrition program. Please type your answers in the boxes below.

1. Explain the marked changes in the district's school nutrition program due to contributions made by your nominee in the five or fewer years he/she has been the director (give exact number of years of experience).

2. Describe the most significant program modification made by your nominee (include measurable results achieved).

3. Describe your nominee's professional background and how he/she entered the school nutrition profession.



**SILVER STAR SCHOOL NUTRITION AWARDS**

**Special Achievement Award**—(10,000 or fewer enrollment) A director who demonstrates exceptional ability to recognize and solve problems unique to small districts. Please type your answers in the boxes below.

1. What specific achievements demonstrate your nominee's ability to recognize and solve problems unique to small school districts (give exact enrollment)?

2. Describe the most significant problem your nominee dealt with and how he/she overcame the obstacles (include measurable results achieved).

3. Describe your nominee's specific talents or skills for being successful in a small school district.

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**Friend of Child Nutrition Award**—(Advocate of school nutrition such as a principal, state association representative, or community leader. Supports school nutrition beyond the scope of normal professional duties. Child nutrition directors and department heads are NOT eligible for this award. Please type your answers in the boxes below.

1. How has your nominee bettered the lives of children?

2. What does your nominee do to support school nutrition beyond the scope of normal Professional duties?



**Submit Your Nomination**

Complete and valid nominations must be received by 5:00 pm EST on October 7, 2016.

- Send completed nomination in PDF form by email to [info@fameawards.net](mailto:info@fameawards.net)
- Type “FAME NOMINATION” and the last name of your nominee in the Subject Line of the email

Nominees will be notified of their standing in November 2016.

**Leah Schmidt, SNS**

2016 Golden School Foodservice  
Director of the Year Award Winner

**Ken Yant, MBA, FMP**

2016 Silver Leadership Award Winner

**Heather D’Ambrosi, MS, RD**

2016 Silver Spirit Award Winner

**Tamara Earl, SNS**

2016 Silver Rising Star Award Winner

**Michelle Curry**

2016 Silver Special Achievement Award Winner

**Linda Vento**

2016 Silver Friend of Child Nutrition Award  
Winner

**Dorothy “Dot” Pannell-Martin, BS, MA**

2016 Gertrude Applebaum Lifetime  
Achievement Award Winner

**Becky Schilling**

Editor-in-Chief, *Food Management*

**Kelly Killian**

Editor, *FoodService Director*

**Patricia Fitzgerald**

Senior Director of Digital and Print  
Communications, *School Nutrition*

**Becky Domokos-Bays, PhD, RD, SNS**

President, School Nutrition Association

For information about the FAME Awards program and event, or to get help with your nomination, please contact the FAME offices at 252-249-1185 or by email at [info@fameawards.net](mailto:info@fameawards.net).