

Public School Parent and Volunteer of the Year Award

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What's new in 2025

- This award is now open to volunteers as well as parents.
- Nominations for this category will be entered via the [Award Force platform](#). Visit the [Public Education Awards](#) intranet page for more information.
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About this category

The Public School Parent and Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award presented to parents, guardians, and caregivers and volunteers who have made a significant contribution to their local NSW public school community.

Up to 10 awards may be presented each year to include nominations across both the Parent and Volunteer categories. The selection panel reserves the right to award fewer than 10 awards if nomination quality is not sufficiently high, or if applicants do not provide adequate evidence of achievements and outcomes.

Who can be nominated?

Any parent, guardian, caregiver or volunteer in a NSW public school can be nominated for this award. Nominees must be volunteers in the nominating school. Carers and volunteers who are employed by, or at, the school are ineligible to be nominated.

Who can nominate?

Members of preschools or school communities may nominate a parent, guardian, caregiver or volunteer. This includes, but is not limited to school principals, head teachers, directors, another parent and/or guardian.

A school may submit a maximum of 2 nominations per year for this award.

Roles in Nomination Process

Nominator - an individual who has knowledge of the nominee's contributions to the school and school community.

Endorser - All nominations must be endorsed by the school principal. The principal is also asked to provide a citation to be used in the Awards program should the nomination be successful.

The endorsement must be provided by a person who is not the nominator.

Does the nominee know they are nominated?

Yes. Nominees will receive an email once the nomination has been submitted, so nominators are asked to discuss the nomination with the nominee before proceeding.

Award Criteria

What are the selection criteria?

Parent and volunteers who are nominated will be assessed on their successful partnership with members of the school community to achieve the goals and priorities of the school and the value of their contribution to a wide range of school activities **or** to a single activity over an extended period of time.

Nomination Questions

Refer to the nomination questions below in preparation for writing your entry for a Public School Parent and Volunteer of the Year Award.

- 1. Detail how the parent/carers has worked successfully as a partner with the members of the school community to achieve the goals and priorities of the school. (max 200 words)**
 - Consider using the STAR method to outline your example - situation, task, action and result.
 - Use an example that highlights the behaviours, actions and outcomes of the nominee.
 - Refer to the [Public Education Awards Writing Guide](#) for examples and tips to write your nomination.
- 2. Detail how the parent/carers has made an outstanding contribution to a wide range of school activities or to a single activity over an extended period of time. (max 200 words)**
 - Outline the situation, task, action, and result for your example.
 - Use an example that highlights the behaviours, actions and outcomes of the nominee.
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- 3. Endorsement by the school Principal with a citation.**
 - School principals will need to provide a 100-word citation of how the student has demonstrated excellence.
 - **This citation will be used during the award ceremony should the nomination be successful.**
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Closing Date

Nominations close at 5:00pm on Friday 9 May 2025. No late nominations will be considered.