



## **Awards of Excellence 2008 Guidelines**

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is proud to announce the annual *Awards of Excellence* to recognize the outstanding contributions of afterschool staff, programs and champions.

One award will be made in each of the following categories—Individual, Program, and Champion. Each recipient will receive a \$500 cash award, a one year membership to the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, a companion membership to the National AfterSchool Association (NAA), a one-year subscription to *School-Age NOTES* newsletter, and paid registration to the annual Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence conference in Mesa, Arizona, November 8, 2008. The recipient will also be recognized at an awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa on Friday, Nov. 7 and also will be acknowledged at the annual conference on Saturday, Nov. 8.

### **General Criteria for all Center Awards**

Each Center for Afterschool Excellence Award has its own specific criteria. Nominations must be received at the Center by the deadline in order to be considered for the current awards cycle. Center Awards nominations are due September 15, 2008.

When nominating someone to receive a Center for Afterschool Excellence Award:

- Write applications with each specific award's eligibility in mind. Each nominee will be rated on the criteria for the award category.
- If you wish to nominate in more than one category, submit a separate application for each, addressing the criteria for that award, including activities, accomplishments, and contributions which demonstrate the specific criteria for that award.
- Explain, where applicable, the specific results and impact of the nominee's efforts that strengthen the case for that award. Explain with examples, details, even testimonials from colleagues, parents and students.
- Attach relevant supporting documents, including: letters of recommendation, articles or other commendations, or recognition they have received.
- Joint nominations are welcome. Try to coordinate to avoid duplication of content.

### **2008 Afterschool Excellence Awards Presentation:**

Friday, November 7, 2008  
Afterschool Excellence Awards Ceremony  
Phoenix Marriott Mesa  
200 N. Centennial Way  
Mesa, AZ 85201

## 2008 Award Descriptions

### **Afterschool Excellence Award - Individual**

Staff who have worked directly with children in an afterschool program for at least two years are eligible for the award. Candidates must work a minimum of ten hours a week as an employee of an afterschool program that meets five days a week. The program can be private, based in a school, neighborhood location, military base. A supervisor, parent, board member or teacher, etc. must submit the application on behalf of the nominee.

Candidates must be an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies afterschool best practices. His or her work reflects inclusive understanding of the needs of children/youth and families, continued professional development, and the highest standards of afterschool program quality.

### **Afterschool Excellence Award - Program**

Programs which have operated for at least two years are eligible for the award. Programs must operate at least five days a week. The program can be private, based in a school, neighborhood location, military base. A program director, supervisor, staff, parent, board member or teacher, etc. may submit the application on behalf of the nominee.

Candidates are an exemplary program that meets the highest standards of quality in the field, and demonstrate capacity to meet the needs of children, youth and families in their community.

### **Afterschool Excellence Award - Champion**

Individuals, businesses, or other organizations that have embraced and supported a specific afterschool program or out-of-school time in general—locally, regionally or statewide—are eligible for the award. A program director, supervisor, staff, parent, board member or teacher, etc. may submit the application on behalf of the nominee.

### **Review Process**

Nominations are reviewed by the Awards Committee, which then submits their recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval.

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT [www.afterschool.org/Awards.htm](http://www.afterschool.org/Awards.htm) or you may call the Center to have them faxed or mailed.** Nominations for all Awards of Excellence should be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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