

Parental Involvement Recognition Award

2026 Call for Nominations

SERC's Parental Involvement Recognition Award was inspired by Project Appleseed, the national campaign for public school improvement and home of National Parental Involvement Day, celebrated each year in November.

SERC is seeking nominations of parents from Connecticut schools and/ or community organizations to highlight and honor exemplars of parental involvement who have made positive changes in their child's environment and a difference in their 2025/2026 school year.

Criteria

Award recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Active involvement in their child's/children's school and/or community;
- Support of their local school and contributions to high-quality education for all children;
- Evidence of their ability to make a difference in their local school and/or community; and
- Dedication and advocacy to ensure equity for all parents and their children.

Nominators and awardees will be notified no later than Tuesday, March 10, 2026 via email and invited to attend a recognition award celebration held on the evening of Thursday, April 2, 2026.

A Complete Nomination

A complete nomination package should include the following; a **nomination entry form**, a **letter of nomination** (one (1) page limit), **biography of Nominee** (one (1) page limit), **two letters of support** (one (1) page limit each).

Instructions for Submissions

Please submit your completed nomination packages to SERC by **February 27, 2026** to:

Lauren Johns, Project Specialist
SERC
175 Union Street
Waterbury, CT 06706

or email: johns@ctserc.org

Questions? Email or call Lauren at SERC, johns@ctserc.org or (860) 632-1485, ext.256

Nominations Due
Friday, February 27, 2026.

For full nomination details,
visit: ctserc.org/news
or scan the QR code.



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Nomination Entry Form

Nominations Due Friday, February 27, 2026.

Name of Nominator: _____

Position of Nominator: _____

Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

School/Community Organization: _____

City/ Town Residence: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Checklist for Nominators

Date Received _____

1. Nomination Entry Form Completed
2. Letter of Nomination (1 page limit)
3. Biography of Nominee (1 page limit)
4. Two (2) Letters of Support (1 page limit each)

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Date Received _____

Packet Complete? **YES** **NO**

Missing the following:

- Completed Entry Nomination Form
- Letter of Nomination (1 page limit)
- Biography of Nominee (1 page limit)
- Two (2) Letters of Support (1 page limit each)

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Letter of Nomination

Nominations Due Friday, February 27, 2026.

Please include the nominator's relationship to nominee, contributions and areas of involvement of the nominee, and evidence of the impact of their involvement on children and families. (500 word limit)

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Biography of Nominee

Nominations Due Friday, February 27, 2026.

Biography should include a brief history of the nominee. (500 word limit)

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Letter of Support 1

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Letters of support can be from schools, community organizations, or individuals who know of the nominee's active involvement; it should include specific examples and evidence of the impact and contribution made by the nominee to a local school and/or community organization because of their involvement and engagement. (500 word limit)

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Letter of Support 2

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