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AWARDS

Recognizing excellence, sharing successes



Be A Star!

As more members apply for and receive recognition, others will strive for excellence as well, thanks to the many positive examples of what is possible in exceptional service to school children.



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Recognition For All Members

Award Benefits for MSNA Members

Document the impact of a project, person, or team for recognition within district, area, state, region, or country.

Demonstrate best practices to peers.

Take pride in accomplishments.

Show your creativity

Receive valuable prizes. Some awards offer a certificate, letter to district administration, invitation to special events. See the directory for details.

The School Nutrition Association and MSNA offer several opportunities for recognition, yet few members have taken advantage of this benefit in the past.

This booklet represents a renewed effort to promote the many types of awards, clarify the application process, make transparent the judging process, and showcase awards to honor innovation and teamwork.

Keep this booklet as a handy reference.

The awards are as follows:

- “E” Team Award
- Chapter President of Excellence Award
- Innovation Award
- Employee Of The Year
- Manager of the Year
- Director of the Year
- Industry Partner
- Star Club
- Award Deadlines
- SNA Scholarships

Good luck!

Please call SNA's Service Center at 800-877-8822 or email at servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org with any SNA award or SNA scholarship questions. MSNA awards call 877-251-2344 or email info@mnsna.org

You can also find this document in a pdf format on the MSNA website www.mnsna.org.

Current Board Member contact information is available at www.mnsna.org.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

As more members apply for and receive recognition, others will strive for excellence as well, thanks to the many positive examples of what is possible in exceptional service to school children. Please consider applying for an award or nominating someone today!

AWARDS DIRECTORY

“E” TEAM – MSNA Only

Showcases *EXCELLENCE* in Teamwork, Creativity and Customer Service. Going the “Extra Mile” is a part of the team’s goals to bring their best service to the forefront.

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kitchen team of two or more• Each team member must be a SNA/MSNA member• Employed in a school nutrition program
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Customer Service (worth 30% of total score)• Creativity (worth 30% of total score)• Teamwork (worth 30% of total score)• Go The Extra Mile (worth 10% of total score)
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application must <i>originate and be submitted</i> by the kitchen team• Applications due March 1-Send to MSNA Executive Director• Documentation is limited to the space provided• Judging is done by the Member Services Committee
Recognition	Certificate Letter to Principal & Director Red apple award presented at annual state conference Invitation to President’s Reception at Annual Conference
More information	Visit www.mnsna.org for application form Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org

CHAPTER PRESIDENT – MSNA Only

Recognizes those Chapter Presidents that promoted membership and met the requirements of the Chapter Plan of Action.

Eligibility	Current Chapter Presidents
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported President’s strategic plan• Promoted membership• Chapter representation at Leadership Seminar
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter President completes chapter action plan outline meeting set criteria (2 items per objective)• Applications due on May 31• All entries must be sent to MSNA Executive Director• MSNA President determines winner(s)
Recognition	Certificate Red apple award presented at annual state conference Invitation to President’s Reception at Annual Conference
More information	Visit www.mnsna.org for a nomination form Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org

INNOVATION – MSNA Only

Recognizes an individual for the development of an Innovative Process or Program within a school or district which adds value or streamlines operations.

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Nutrition Employee or Child Nutrition Office Support staff.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Directors are not eligible for this award.• Must be a SNA/MSNA member• Multiple candidates may be nominated from each district
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Innovative project• Implementation of project• Successful outcome of project w/goals met
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominations from any staff person within the school district<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Self-nominations are not accepted• Nominations due by March 1-send to MSNA Executive Director• Judging conducted by Member Services Committee
Recognition	Certificate Red apple award presented at annual state conference Letter to Principal & Director Invitation to President’s Reception at Annual Conference
More information	Visit www.mnsna.org for application Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR SNA/MSNA

The Employee of the Year Award recognizes non-managerial school nutrition employees for the contributions they have made throughout their school nutrition career.

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently a SNA member in the School Nutrition or Child Care Employee Section• Currently holds a SNA certificate in school nutrition• Currently employed in a non-managerial role in the school nutrition profession, such as cook, baker, cashier, assistant, etc.• A current state or national SNA president or a current SNA national Board of Directors member• Hold a title or job responsibilities that do not confirm the nominee’s status as non-managerial staff• A previous national winner of the Employee of the Year Award or Heart of the Program Award• Self-Nominations are not accepted
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Customer Service Skills (worth 30% of total score)• Creativity (worth 20% of total score)• Commitment to Professional Development(worth 20% of total score)• Dedication to School Nutrition Profession (worth 30% of total Score)
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominations must be typed, and answers must not exceed the listed word count• Nomination due to SNA by March 1• State entries will be judged by a panel to determine a winner.• The winning nomination is sent on for possible regional and/or national recognition
Recognition	Certificate Red apple award presented at annual state conference Letter to Director Invitation to President’s Reception at Annual Conference
More information	Visit www.schoolnutrition.org for nomination form Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org

MANAGER OF THE YEAR– SNA& MSNA

The Manager of the Year Award, in Honor of Louise Sublette, recognizes school nutrition managers for the contributions they have made throughout their school nutrition career.

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently an SNA member in the Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager section• Currently holds a SNA Certificate• Currently acts as manager, head cook or assistant manager and is assigned to one school OR to a central kitchen that serves multiple schools• Self-nominations are not accepted.• Nominee cannot be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Employed as a supervisor on a system-wide basis○ A SNA member in the Employee or Director category○ A current state or national SNA president○ A previous national winner of the Manager of the Year award
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cafeteria Environment (worth 30% of total score)• Management and Staff Development (worth 30% of total score)• SNA Involvement (worth 20% of total score)• School and Community Outreach (worth 20% of total score)
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominations must be typed, and answers must not exceed the listed word count maximums• Nomination due March 1 to SNA. State entries will be judged by a panel to determine a winner• Entry sent to SNA for possible national recognition
Recognition	SNA Certificate, Plaque, Letter sent to Director Invitation to President’s Reception at MSNA Annual Conference SNA Awards if regional and/or national winner
More information	Visit www.schoolnutrition.org for nomination form Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR –SNA & MSNA

The Director of the Year Award recognizes school nutrition directors for the contributions they have made throughout their school nutrition career

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently and for the past five years a School Nutrition Director at the school district level and for the past five years a SNA Member in the District Director or Major City Director sections• Currently holds a SNA certificate in school nutrition or hold the SNS credential• Served in at least one position on the state or national executive board OR as a member on a state or national committee .• Nominee cannot be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A current state or national SNA President or a previous national winner of the Outstanding Director of the Year award
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Enhancement (worth 30% of total score)• Staff Development (worth 20% of total score)• School Involvement (worth 15% of total score)• SNA Involvement (worth 20% of total score)• Community Involvement (worth 15% of total score)
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominations must be typed, and answers must not exceed the listed word counts. Nominations due by March 1 to SNA• Winning Nomination is sent on for possible regional and /or national recognition• State entries will be judged by a panel to determine a winner
Recognition	SNA Certificate, Plaque, Letter sent to Superintendent Invitation to President’s Reception at MSNA Annual Conference SNA Awards if regional and/or national winner
More information	Visit www.schoolnutrition.org or Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org


INDUSTRY – MSNA Only

Recognizes the efforts of an Industry member who has demonstrated exemplary support to MSNA members and their professional community.

Eligibility	MSNA Industry members
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Been continuous member for three years or more• Current Board members not eligible• Demonstrates exemplary support to members• Made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the child nutrition profession
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominations by current voting Board members, five most recent past Presidents and MSNA chapter officers.• Nominations due April 1• Judging conducted Member Services
Recognition	Plaque Named as Industry Partner at MSNA Industry Conference Letter to Company officials Invitation to President’s Reception at Annual Conference
More information	Visit www.mnsna.org Contact MSNA office at info@mnsna.org

SNA STAR CLUB

The Star Club is SNA’s way of recognizing and thanking members who recruit and retain SNA members.

How Does It Work?	Each time a new member writes your name in the referral section of the membership application form you receive one credit, plus you get an additional credit every year they renew! Credits don’t expire, so once you have three credits you become a Star Club Member for as long as you are an active SNA National member!														
How Star Credits Grow	You accumulate credits when you recruit new members and get them to renew each year. For example, if you recruit 3 members this year, get all 3 to renew next year and recruit 4 more new members, you will have 10 credits in two years and become a Bronze Star.														
Star Club Recognition	As a member of SNA’s Star Club, you will be recognized for your hard work and recruiting efforts throughout the year and at SNA meetings, including special recognition at the Annual National Conference. In addition, you will also receive a gift of appreciation each time you reach the next Star Club level!														
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Award Deadlines

Award	Deadline	Action	Submitted To
Manager of the Year Award (In honor of Louise Sublette)			School Nutrition Association Office
	March 1	Submit Nomination	
	March 15	State Winners Determined	State Presidents to Regional Directors
	April 5	Regional Winners Determined	Regional Directors
	May 1	National Winner Determined	Regional Directors to SNA
Employee of the Year Award	March 1	Submit Nomination	School Nutrition Association Office
	March 15	State Winners Determined	State Presidents to Regional Directors
	April 5	Regional Winners Determined	SNA Regional Directors
	May 1	National Winner Determined	Section Chairs to SNA
Director of the Year Award	March 1	Submit Nomination	State Presidents
	March 15	State Winners Determined	State Presidents to SNA
	April 5	Regional Winners Determined	SNA Member Services Committee
	May 1	National Winner Determined	Member Services Committee to SNA
Thelma Flannigan Gold Award (for State Presidents)	December 15	Recognition Form	Regional Directors
	December 31	Recognition Forms	SNA
President's Award of Excellence	October 15	State Plan of Action	State to Regional Directors
	June 1	Completed Application	State Presidents to SNA

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School Nutrition Foundation Scholarships and Awards

Scholarship	Description
ANC First Timer Scholarship	The ANC First-Timer Scholarship is made possible through a generous donation from AccuTemp Products. These scholarships are awarded to SNA members (employees and managers) who have never attended SNA's Annual National Conference (ANC) The \$500 scholarship may be used to cover registration and travel expenses associated with attending ANC. Twenty - \$500 scholarships are available.
SNA Conference Scholarships	In an ongoing effort to help its members develop professionally, SNA donates funds to SNF to award scholarships to help members attend SNA's School Nutrition Industry Conference (SNIC), Legislative Action Conference (LAC), and Annual National Conference (ANC).
Josephine Martin National Policy Fellow	Dr. Josephine Martin is a pioneer in the field of child nutrition. Launching her career at the Georgia Department of Education in 1950 as the assistant school lunch director, she soon became a vocal advocate for child nutrition, influencing legislation on the community, state and federal levels. Awards up to \$3,000 to one selected fellow to attend and be recognized at SNA's Legislative Action Conference, helping to defray travel expenses. Eligibility: Be an active SNA employee or manager section member, who has been a SNA member for at least three years, have never previously attended LAC; and have an interest in child nutrition policy
Education Scholarships 1. SNA Professional Development Scholarship 2. Schwan's Food Service 3. SNF Professional Growth 4. Sandi Brooker 5. Nancy Curry Scholarship	SNA Professional Development Scholarship The SNA Professional Development Scholarship is funded by a donation from SNA. Scholarships of up to \$2,500 each are awarded.
	Schwan's Food Service Since 1983, Schwan's Food Service, Inc., has made an annual donation to offer multiple scholarships of up to \$2,500 each.
	SNF Professional Growth Scholarship The SNF Professional Growth Scholarship is funded by SNA members through past special events. Scholarships of up to \$2,500 each are awarded.
	Nancy Curry Scholarship Funded by Handgards, Inc. and friends of Nancy, this scholarship is for SNA members employed in school foodservice. One scholarship of \$500 is awarded.
Kathleen Stitt Award	This award is presented to one graduate student or faculty member participating in the Child Nutrition Showcase at ANC. The award is used to help defray travel expenses incurred to attend ANC.
Winston Equipment Award Grant	SNF and Winston have teamed up for more than a decade to help school nutrition professionals address equipment needs in order to better serve students! Eligibility: Applications must be submitted by a school nutrition director who has been a member of SNA for at least one year. There are NO eligibility requirements for a certain percentage of free/reduced eligible students.

Scholarship amounts are meant as a guide, as actual scholarship award amounts are subject to change.

LINKS TO THE APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
 SNF SECTION OF THE SNA WEBSITE www.schoolnutrition.org/scholarships
 For questions on the SNF scholarships and awards, email scholarships@schoolnutrition.org.