**“Beverly Diane Taylor, School Social Worker of the Year Award”**

# 2023 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

 This award is presented to a member of the Tennessee Association of School Social Workers (TASSW) who has had a significant impact upon students, their families, schools, and communities locally and statewide to better the learning opportunities for all students:

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY:

* Must be certified as a licensed school social worker
* Must have at least three years of employment in Tennessee as a school social worker
* Must be a TASSW member in good standing for at least two consecutive years
* Must represent the professional ethics of social work
* May not have been recognized as *School Social Worker of the Year* in the past five years
* Must have important achievements in the practice of school social work in one or more of the following areas:
	+ Effective advocacy for a client group
	+ Represents the profession of school social workers with a positive image
	+ Demonstrates leadership qualities
	+ Knowledge and advocacy of pressing social problems

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Each district, if desired, will select a district nominee(s), complete the *Nominating Person Rationale Form(s),* and email it to tassworg@gmail.com by August 26, 2022.

Once we are in receipt of the *Nominating Person Rationale Sheet*, your nominee will be emailed:

* 1. A Nominee Application
	2. Two letters of reference
1. *School Social Worker of the Year Nominations*and completed references must be received at *tassworg@gmail.com* by September 22, 2023 by 11:59pm. Applicant’s name and “SSW of the YEAR NOMINEE” must be written in the subject line. Any submissions time stamped after September 22, 2023 will not be accepted.
2. The award recipient will be announced at the Annual Conference on September 28th &29th 2023.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. A special TASSW committee (SSW of the Year Committee) will be comprised of two volunteer TASSW board members and three TASSW members-at-large - one from each of three different regions to be appointed by the TASSW President. The TASSW President from the above two volunteer TASSW board members will designate the chairperson. The committee will be formed at the TASSW annual business meeting.
2. The SSW of Year Committee will select the winner of the TASSW’s *School Social Worker of Year* award. The committee is responsible for obtaining a plaque and arranging the presentation/announcement of the award during the conference.

NOMINATION RATIONALE FORM

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## Administered by the Tennessee Association of School Social Workers

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is being nominated for the

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Email completed nomination form(s) to tassworg@gmail.com with applicant’s name and “SSW of the YEAR NOMINEE” written in the subject line. Once received, your nominee will be emailed a Nominee Application and will be required to submit two (2) references. All nominations must be emailed and time stamped no later than 11:59pm on September 22, 2023. Submissions received after September 22, 2023 will not be accepted.

**This is a:**

* **NOMINATION**

Nominee’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s email address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years you have known the nominee:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity do you know the nominee? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Person(s) must include a one-page explanation of why you believe your nominee is deserving of the **“Beverly Diane Taylor, School Social Worker of the Year Award”.**

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