



State Board of Education Update



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Nominate a student volunteer for Student Heroes Award

AUSTIN – The State Board of Education (SBOE) is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Student Heroes Award.

The Student Heroes Award program recognizes Texas public school students in prekindergarten through high school who voluntarily work to assist or benefit their fellow Texas students.

SBOE Chair Donna Bahorich urged school leaders to nominate those students who are shining examples of good character and citizenship.

"Every day in our schools, students commit unselfish acts of kindness. They don't do so because it is a class assignment. They do so because they are people of good character who care on a very personal level about helping fellow students. They make their schools and communities a better place because of their work," she said.

"The Student Heroes Award provides an opportunity for Texans to spotlight and recognize these caring students," Bahorich said.

Up to 15 students – one per State Board of Education district – may receive the award each year. Anyone may nominate a public school student for the award.

Award requirements include:

- The service/assistance or good deed must be voluntary and not part of any curriculum, graduation requirements, class, or community project.
- The service/assistance or good deed must benefit other students in Texas, either individually or collectively.
- The benefit may be to students of one campus, a district, or a community.

Recipients of the Student Heroes awards will be announced in May. A plaque will be awarded to the Student Hero by his or her State Board member. The deadline for nominations is March 27.

Examples of [activities](#) recognized last year include students voluntarily serving as mentors, collecting and distributing stuffed animals to ill children, and creating a non-profit organization to break down cultural barriers.

Nomination forms and program guidelines are available at http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/News_and_Multimedia/Awards/Student_Heroes/ or for more information please email heroes@tea.texas.gov.