



2026 FAQs

Who can submit a FAME Awards entry?

Anyone can nominate a school foodservice professional for a FAME Award.

Can I nominate myself?

No, we do not accept self-nominations.

Who can be nominated for a FAME award?

The criteria for a nomination is dependent upon the category for which the nomination is being submitted. Nominees must have a current membership with the School Nutrition Association (SNA) and be in good standing with the industry. [Click here for award categories.](#)

How do I complete a nomination?

Click on the nomination link and complete the online form. Fill in all the required information. Note, when you get to the category questions, you can copy and paste into the nomination form.

When is the submission deadline?

Submissions are due by Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

What does a winning nomination look like?

A winning nomination tells a detailed story about your nominee's dedication to and success in the school nutrition industry. You should include as much information and detail as possible. The best nominations utilize all the allowed space with multiple paragraphs.

How are FAME Awards winners selected?

The FAME Awards Selection Committee chooses FAME Awards winners. This committee is made up of the previous year's FAME winners, the current School Nutrition Association President, and editors from foodservice publications. Winners are notified in November.

If my nominee wins a FAME Award, what will he/she be expected to do?

Each FAME Award winner will be asked to provide photos and a bio, as well as to complete a brief questionnaire to help bring their story to life for the award reception. It is appreciated, but not mandatory, for the winner to attend the FAME Awards ceremony. The winner is financially responsible for the travel costs associated with attending the event.

If my nominee is NOT selected, how will they be notified?

The **nominator** will receive an email in November letting them know their nominee was not selected.

If I need help with my FAME nomination, whom can I contact?

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