

# Frequently Asked Questions



2024 NCCEP/GEAR UP LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## **Q: How do I choose who I want to nominate for a Leadership Award?**

A: We recommend selecting a student, parent/guardian, or professional who goes above and beyond to support and uplift your GEAR UP program and community.

## **Q: Can I nominate more than one person?**

A: You can nominate as many people as you feel deserve recognition! We encourage coordination within a GEAR UP program to nominate only one person per category, but this is not a requirement.

## **Q: What type of supportive documents should I include in my nomination form?**

A: Supportive documents are extremely important for us to get a better understanding of all the work and effort your candidate puts into GEAR UP programming. Good examples of supportive documents are recommendation letters, character letters, articles about the person, tangible documentation of work, and anything else that you believe highlights your candidate and their work.

## **Q: How do I begin the nomination process?**

A: The Leadership Awards nomination process is simple. You will begin by filling out this [form](#). You will enter your information, and your nominee's information, and can upload all your supportive documents into this form. You can save and continue if you do not have everything at once.

## **Q: How early should I start the nomination form and process?**

A: We recommend starting as soon as you can, as it takes time to fill out the application and collect the supportive documentation. Past nominators have said the earlier you start the better because it gives you ample time to create a thoughtful application for your candidate.

## **Q: How many people should be involved in the nomination process?**

A: The more people who are involved, the better! Past nominators have found that delegating tasks to a larger team helped to submit the nomination in a timely manner and produce a richer nomination that was influenced by all the team member's experience with the candidate.

## **Q: What do I do if the person I am nominating is my director and it says I need director approval for my candidate?**

A: Reach out to [adriana\\_feijoo@edpartnerships.org](mailto:adriana_feijoo@edpartnerships.org) and we can approve another person to sign off on the nomination.

## **Q: Is my grant responsible for the travel and registration costs if our candidate wins?**

A: If your candidate is selected, your grant is responsible for all the travel and registration costs.

## **Q: Are there any incentives to nominating my candidate for a Leadership Award?**

A: If your candidate is selected as the winner, they will be recognized for their hard work and dedication on the national stage in front of thousands of people! In addition, all student leadership award recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship!