



Illinois  
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Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division

## Nominations sought for the School Nutrition Champion Award

Does your district have a dynamic food service director, a cashier that puts smiles on all the students' faces, a super creative cook, or an administrative assistant that knows all the ins and outs of the National School Lunch Program regulations? The Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division wants to hear about them!

To coincide with [School Nutrition Employee Week](#), which is set for May 1-5, 2017, we are announcing the **School Nutrition Champion Award**. The award will be presented to one school nutrition champion from Illinois on Friday, May 5, which is [Super Lunch Hero Day](#).

Each month starting in January, we will be highlighting nominees for the award in [The Outlook](#), our monthly newsletter for school nutrition programs in Illinois. **Anyone can nominate a school nutrition professional for the School Nutrition Champion Award.** This includes students, parents, community members, and other district and school staff.



Nominations may be:

- **Faxed** to (217) 524-6124, ATTN: Tim Murphy, Principal Consultant, Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division
- **Emailed** to [cnp@isbe.net](mailto:cnp@isbe.net) with "School Nutrition Champion nomination" in the subject line
- **Mailed** to the Illinois State Board of Education, Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division, attn: Tim Murphy, 100 N. First St., Springfield, IL 62777

Please limit nominations to one page or less (or 500 words in an email), describing why you think this person is a champion for school nutrition programs. Don't forget to include the district name, school name, and contact information for the nominator and nominee.

A committee of ISBE staff will determine finalists and an overall winner based on the nominating letter, which should demonstrate why they are deserving of special recognition. This can include career qualifications and an example(s) of how they go above and beyond.

**To be considered for the School Nutrition Champion Award, nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2017. However, don't delay in sending in your nominations because we will be featuring nominees starting in January in our newsletter and social media.**

If you have any questions, call Tim Murphy in the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at (800) 545-7892 or (217) 782-2491, or email [tmurphy@isbe.net](mailto:tmurphy@isbe.net).