

School Nutrition Association

Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence in School Nutrition

Each year, SNA honors school nutrition professionals with the *Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence in School Nutrition*, which is considered the highest honor a school nutrition manager can earn. It recognizes the importance of those closest to the school nutrition program, the managers. A school nutrition manager is defined as someone who is based in a school and has supervisory or management responsibilities over kitchen operations.

Background

The award is named in memory of Louise Sublette, a leader in school nutrition programs in Tennessee and in SNA. During her 43 years in the profession, she worked with many areas of foodservice and nutrition--public schools, colleges, hospitals and elderly feeding programs. Her name is given to this high award because throughout her life, Louise Sublette emphasized that the success of school nutrition depends upon those professionals who work in school nutrition programs.

The Award

Foodservice/Nutrition manager members of SNA know that every special idea they use often improves the child nutrition program in their school. The award is given to the person who has taken a special idea, developed it into a goal and used that goal to help the school's nutrition program grow. By sharing these "success stories" good ideas can spread across the country and make school nutrition programs better.

Who May Apply

Only Foodservice/Nutrition and Child Care Manager section members who are SNA certified may apply for this award. A Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager and Child Care Manager section member and is paying SNA membership dues within the Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager section is one who is assigned to one school or to a central kitchen that serves more than one school. Child Care members must be a provider with a child/day/family or name care center provider. The person may have responsibilities for more than one school but cannot be employed as a supervisor on a system-wide basis.

Recognition

State, regional and national winners are recognized at SNA's Annual National Conference. State winners receive a plaque. Regional winners receive a plaque, \$100 and a complimentary registration for the current year's ANC. Regional winners are recognized at a general session at ANC where the national winner is announced. The national winner is awarded a plaque and an expense paid trip to the next year's ANC.

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Award Entry Guidelines**

General Qualifications

- The award must be submitted by an individual (single person).
- From start to finish, the School Nutrition Manager person must be:
 - SNA member
 - Member of Foodservice/Nutrition Manager Section (paying dues in the Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager section)
 - Certified by SNA certification program
 - Employed in a child nutrition program as a Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager/Child Care Manager

Project Qualifications

- Project completion must have occurred no more than 11 months prior to being submitted. To submit your application for the March deadline, the specified project has to be completed between **May 1 through April 30**. For example, a project completed in **April 2011** must be submitted no later than **March 1, 2012**.
- No project can take two years to complete. Entries with projects over two years will be disqualified.
- The description of the accomplishments must state the year the events took place. For example, if the goal was to train personnel over two years, the entry should describe the training for the first year and the second year. The project would be submitted the second year.
- State, regional, and national level winners may enter again.
- The same project cannot be re-submitted.

Timetable

December 1 Letter of intent due to your State Coordinator
February 1 Entry must be received by your State Coordinator
March 15 State Presidents submit state winner to Regional Director.

Requirements for Submitting Proposal

- Complete Memorandum of Intent and send to your state president (see attached example).
- Official format must be followed. Review explanations on attached forms.
- The maximum number of activities that can be reported in Section 4 is five. You may report less.
- Additional activities can be listed in Section 7.
- There may be one to three pieces of documentation per page. Be sure to choose carefully.
- Books will be disqualified if there is more than three pieces of documentation per page.

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- There may be no more than 12, one-sided pages, including application page. All pages must be 8 1/2 by 11. Larger pages will disqualify entry.
- Videotapes, cassette tapes, slides or any other special materials are not allowed. Include condensed scripts as part of your documentation.
- Decorative covers will not be considered by the judges.
- Review the evaluation sheet.
 - Is the purpose of the project clearly stated?
 - Are the activities clearly defined?
 - Do the results reflect measurable outcomes of the activities?
 - Was the purpose achieved?
 - Is the proof valid and does the proof relate the activity?

MEMORANDUM

TO: _____ State President

State Affiliate Name

Name of Current President

Address

Telephone Number

FROM: _____
Name of Project Entrant

School / District

Address

Telephone Number

Email Address

Membership Section (Please note that all applicants must be within the Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/
Assistant Manager and Child Care Manager section)

SUBJECT: Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence in School Nutrition
Memorandum of Intent to Enter Contest

DATE: _____

This is to advise you that I will be submitting an entry for the **2011-2012** Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence in School Nutrition.

I have a copy of the forms I must use and understand the complete application must be in your hands by **February 1, 2012**

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Entry Form

Name _____ School _____
Address (home) _____ Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ Telephone (school) _____
State Affiliate _____ Email _____
Membership No. _____ Certification Expiration Date _____
Name of Principal or Immediate Supervisor _____

___ I certify that I am a manager who is based in a school and has supervisory or management responsibilities over kitchen operations.

___ I certify that the information contained in the Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence application is correct and that the project was initiated and completed by me.

Signature of Member Date

FOR STATE APPROVAL ONLY

Date Submitted to State President _____

Deadline: **February 1** _____
Signature of State President Date

FOR REGIONAL APPROVAL ONLY

Date Submitted to Regional Director _____ State of _____

Deadline: **March 15** _____
Signature of Regional Director Date

FOR NATIONAL APPROVAL ONLY

Date Submitted to Regional Directors _____ State of _____

Signature of Regional Director Date

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Organizing and Reporting on the Project

Section 1: Description/Scope

This section should answer the question: What is your present program like?

- Describe your school nutrition program. Include:
 - a brief description of what you are now doing.
 - school's classification (middle, elementary, high, etc.).
 - enrollment, number of lunches and breakfast served daily, and type of service, such as offer vs. serve; scramble self service; food bars, etc.

Section 2: Appropriateness (The area identified for your project activity and why it is needed)

This section will answer the question: What do I want to change and why does it need changing?

- Sample areas may include (suggestions only, they are not required and not limited to this list)
 - Implementing the Dietary Guidelines (State need for)
 - Training program for staff (Tell why the staff needs the type of training you suggest)
 - Increased participation (State where students now eat lunch/breakfast; identify target groups)
 - Nutrition Education (Tell what is being done and what should be done)

Section 3: Defined Purpose (State in measurable terms the purpose of the project)

This section will answer the question: How will I know if I have succeeded?

- Measurable means that you can "measure" the results. Examples include:
 - To increase participation from 65% of enrollment to 75% of enrollment.
 - To provide 10 hours staff training in equipment safety and food production techniques.

Section 4: Activities (To accomplish the stated purpose the following activities were initiated)

This should answer the question: What must I do to accomplish the purpose of this project?

- A maximum of five activities can be listed. You can list 3 or up to 5. Examples include:
 - Posted nutrition information on student bulletin boards.
 - Taught nutrition in fifth grade classroom; each session 30 minutes long.
 - Health Department official presented instructions for meeting state sanitary requirements.

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Section 5: Documentation (List documentation of activities and include a maximum of one page of documentation for each activity.)

This should answer the question: What did I do to make the project a success?

- There may be one to three pieces of documentation per page.
- Do not include foldout documents. All documents must be flat on the page.
- If you reduce document size, they must be readable from a normal reading distance.
- Examples include:
 - Pictures of posters used to promote nutrition education.
 - Newspaper articles with picture reporting on nutrition fair at _____ school.
 - Copy of letter from [Mrs. Jones] concerning class activity.

Section 6: Presentation of Results (List accomplishments in measurable terms, attach maximum of two pages of documentation.)

This should answer the question: What did the project accomplish?

- Examples include:
 - Participation was increased during the period **November 2011 - March 2012** from 65% to 75%. Documentation could include a graph or chart of the participation each month.
 - Twenty-five staff members received certificates for completing ten hours of training from Gallieo's course (Food Production Techniques). Documentation could include a miniature certificate and class roster.

Section 7: Additional Activities (Describe other activities used to help accomplish project.)

This should answer the question: What other factors contributed to the success of this project?

- Examples include: Personal contacts. Each cook contacted five parents to explain food service and to encourage them to have their children eat in the cafeteria.

Do NOT submit documentation for this section.

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3. The purpose of the project was to: (state purpose in measurable terms).

4. To accomplish the stated purpose, the following activities were initiated. (List 3-5 activities used to accomplish purpose.)

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- 5. List documentation of activities in space provided below and attach a maximum of one page of documentation per activity.**

- 6. List what was accomplished; measurable results of project; and attach a maximum of two pages of documentation.**

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- 7. Describe other activities used to help accomplish the project. Do not submit documentation for this section.**

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Checklist: Person Entering Project

For use by person preparing and submitting a project to help make sure everything is included. Its use is strictly optional and must not be submitted with project.

Activity to Complete Award Entry	Date Completed or Checked	Comments
Met General Qualifications		
· SNA Member within the Foodservice/ Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager and Child Care Manager section		
· SNA Certified		
· Employed as a Foodservice/Nutrition Manager/Head Cook/Assistant Manager or Child Care Manager		
Project Qualification		
· Year of Award		
· New Project (Not previously submitted)		
Timetable		
· Project sent to State President prior to March 1		
Requirements for Project		
· Memorandum of Intent Mailed to State President (Dec. 1)		
· Official format used and all sections completed (See attached Format Checklist)		
· Number of Activities completed for project (3-5 activities)		
· Number of (8½x11) documentation pages included (1 page per activity) one side only		
· Application Form (LS-B) - (1 Page)		
· Project Report Form (LS-C) - (4 Pages)		
· Section 5- Documentation Pages (5 Pages Maximum)		
· Section 6- Proof Pages (2 Pages Maximum)		
· Other Activities Defined in Section 7		
· Pages (8½x11) one side only (12 Pages Maximum)		