

# CSBA Golden Bell Awards

## Sample Application

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Please prepare your answers, documents, and photo files in advance. When you are ready, you can copy and paste your answers into the fields of the application form.

### Select the District/COE

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You will choose your district or county office of education from a drop-down list.

### Program Details

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**Program Name:** Please provide the name of the program being entered for a Golden Bell Award.

**NOTE:** *if selected as a winner, this Program Name will be printed on all promotional materials including the event program, physical award, event slideshow and event videos.*

**School(s):** Type out all the schools involved with the program.

**NOTE:** *if the list is longer than five schools, put down "multi-district", or "available district-wide" if offered to all the schools in the district.*

### Lead Person Information

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Lead person is responsible for submitting the entry form and can answer program-specific inquiries during the summer. Updates about the application will be mailed and addressed to this person below.

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Title:
- Phone Number:
- Summer Phone Number:
- Address:
- Email Address:

### Grade/Level Category:

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Check only one.

**NOTE:** *each program will be judged in only one grade/level category and one program category. Entries may be disqualified if there is more than one or if no category is checked.*

- Pre-Kindergarten/K-8
- J. High/Middle/Intermediate School
- High School

- Multi-level/Districtwide
- Multi-district

## Program Category

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Check only one.

- Addressing Gaps and Promoting Equitable Student Outcomes
- Alternative Education
- Career Technical Education
- Civic Education
- Climate Change Innovation
- Community Schools through Partnerships and Collaboration
- County Office Systems of Support
- Curriculum and Instruction
  - Ethnic Studies
  - Health Education
  - History-Social Science
  - Integrated Content
  - Literacy/English Language Arts
  - STEM/STEAM
  - Technology Innovation
  - Visual and Performing Arts
  - World Languages/Biliteracy
- Early Childhood Education
- Expanded Learning and Engagement
- Family and Community Engagement
- Integrated Career Pathways Education
- Positive School Climate and Safety
- Professional Learning
- Reducing Barriers through Inclusive, Equitable Resource Distribution and Opportunities
- Social-Emotional Health/Wellness
- Special Education
- Student Attendance and Re-engagement Strategies
- Student Engagement and Empowerment
- Student Support Services
- Teacher Recruitment and Retention
- Using Data to Support Student Success

## Program Details

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- **When was the program initiated in the district? (Month/Year)**

**NOTE:** the program must have been in operation for two (2) years prior to the deadline **June 26, 2026**. Applications that do not meet this criterion will not be considered.

- **Provide a short description of the program and its significance (suitable for publication):**

**NOTE:** this description is subject to editing by CSBA staff. Limit the short description to **1,200 characters** (including spaces).

## Upload Documentation

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**Program narrative:** please provide a complete description of the overall program and be sure to address all of the following topics.

**NOTE:** *program narrative must be in PDF format, not exceed four (4) pages in length, Ariel font, in NO smaller than 11-point font.*

- The need the program was developed to meet.
- Program goals and objectives.
- Program outcomes, including how the program has affected students and specific evidence of success. Please relate a specific example of how the program has affected a student's life.
- How the program is innovative or exemplary.
- How the program is connected to the board's vision, and the specific role the board played in the program's success.
- How the program is sustainable. Evidence of sustainability may include length of time in operation, stable funding, flexibility, or internal/external support.
- How the program is replicable.
- Please provide a comment suitable for publication from the program lead, superintendent, or board president about how this program has made a difference for students.

**Evidence of Board Support:** evidence of board support can be any document that clearly indicates that the board is aware of the existence of the program and supports the program that is applying for a Golden Bell. Examples include a board meeting agenda, evidence of board member program visitation or evidence of consideration during budget hearings.

**NOTE:** *evidence of board support must not exceed two (2) pages in length and must be in PDF format.*

**Please click "upload" button to attach the Program Narrative.**

**Please click "upload" button to attach the Evidence of Board Support.**

## Upload Photos

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**Photos:** please upload three (3) different photos of your program. Each photo should be 1-4MB. Photos will be used by CSBA for slideshows, presentations, winners program, and at the Golden Bell Awards Ceremony.

**NOTE:** *by uploading your photos, you are certifying that you have obtained any necessary releases for photos of minors, and that CSBA may use photos during the awards presentation ceremony and/or in future promotion and publicity efforts.*

## Internet Permission (please check if you agree)

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- The California School Boards Association will use the winning programs in various places throughout its websites and social media sites. If your district/COE would like to be included, please check the box granting us permission to do so.

## Signature

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- By checking this box, I affirm that the Board President, Superintendent, and the Curriculum Director have authorized this program to be considered for a Golden Bell Award.

## Golden Bell Entry Check List

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Please carefully review all instructions for submitting entries and ensure that:

- The program is operating in a CSBA member school district or county office of education.
- The program has been in operation for two (2) years prior to the deadline of the official entry form.
- All areas of this entry form are complete.
- A four (4) page narrative, in 11-point Ariel font has been uploaded in PDF format.
- A two (2) page Evidence of Board Support document has been uploaded in PDF format.
- Three (3) high-resolution, color digital photos have been uploaded at the time of submission.

**NOTE:** *By submitting your photos, you are certifying that you have obtained any necessary releases for photos of minors, and that CSBA may use the photos during the awards presentation ceremony and/or in future promotion and publicity efforts.*

The official entry form must be submitted by **midnight on Friday June 26, 2026**, and has the required box checked affirming that the Board President, Superintendent and Curriculum Director have authorized this program to be considered for the Golden Bell Award.