



## **2025 Family Engagement Awards**

The Family Engagement Awards will be presented annually at the WNY Family Engagement Conference to an individual or group from a community-based organization, school district/non-district school, and mental health organization. The winner is someone or a group who provides innovative and effective family engagement strategies that cultivate exemplary family, community and school partnerships to enhance student success in the Western New York region.

### **Timeline**

- October 8<sup>th</sup> Application is available on the [www.wnyfamilyengagement.org](http://www.wnyfamilyengagement.org) website.
- January 24<sup>th</sup> Applications must be submitted via email to [info@cmcwny.org](mailto:info@cmcwny.org). Submissions received after January 24, 2025, will not be considered.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> The conference planning committee reviews the submissions for all nominees and identifies the finalists (3 for each organization type).
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Finalists for the Family Engagement Awards will be notified.
- February 26<sup>th</sup> The Family Engagement Award winners will be announced at the conference.

### **Eligibility**

Nominees must meet the following requirements to be nominated for a Family Engagement Award:

- They must be employed by a community-based organization, school district/non-district school, or mental health organization that provides support to families and students in the Western New York Region (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties).
- They must have demonstrated the criteria required to be selected as a winner.
- They must be nominated for the category that corresponds with full-time or part-time employment, or volunteer support, they are engaged in.

## **Nomination Criteria**

A nominee for the Family Engagement Awards should demonstrate innovative and effective family engagement practices and strategies that cultivate exemplary family, community and school partnerships to enhance student success in the Western New York region.

This includes but is not limited to;

- Removing barriers between schools and families;
- Providing resources for families of diverse backgrounds;
- Building resiliency;
- Fostering communication between all educational partners;
- Promoting volunteerism, mentorship and citizenship;
- Supporting unique populations, e.g., military and refugee families; and
- Improving student attendance and learning outcomes.

## **Nomination Evaluation Criteria**

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- ***Purpose and Innovation***: Consider the capacity of the staff in their role, the innovative strategies used to meet the needs of the families they support, and the improvements made to the Western New York community.
- ***Outreach and Engagement***: Consider the degree of outreach efforts (e.g., newsletters, social media, flyers, announcements, word of mouth) and the level of success in soliciting family and community member support and participation and establishing ongoing engagement.
- ***Impact, Sustainability and Replication***: Consider factors such as time commitment, effort, participation and steps needed to continue and build upon what is currently in place; the degree to which families and the community remain meaningfully engaged; in what ways involvement supports student success; and how the practices and strategies used may be replicated.

## **Application Submission**

All nominations must be:

- Completed using the official submission for at the end of this document
- Sent in via [info@cmcwny.org](mailto:info@cmcwny.org) with the Subject: *2025 Family Engagement Award Nomination*
- Must be sent in by 4pm on January 24<sup>th</sup> as submissions after that will not be considered
- Any questions can be send to [info@cmcwny.org](mailto:info@cmcwny.org) as well.



## **Official Family Engagement Awards Nomination Form**

Nomination Date:	
Name of Nominator:	
Relationship to the Nominee:	
Name of Nominee:	
Organization Nominee Works For:	
<b>Award Category Nominated For:</b>	
Community-Based Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
School District/Non-District School	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>How does the nominee demonstrate Purpose and Innovation?</b>

<b>How does the nominee demonstrate Outreach and Engagement?</b>

**How does the nominee demonstrate Impact, Sustainability, and Replication?**

**Why do you feel the nominee should be the recipient of a Family Engagement Award?**

**For Conference Planning Committee Only**

Nomination received on:

**Conference Planning Committee Notes:**