

## KidsFirst Cooperman-Bogue Awards FY2020-2021

### Nomination Criteria & Schedule

#### Overview

- **Nominations for exemplary social service professionals who serve Pinellas County children and families are being accepted beginning November 1, 2020 and ending August 13, 2021.** In light of COVID-19, the KidsFirst Awards program has been temporarily redesigned. This year, monthly awards of \$500 each will be made to outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond to provide direct services to Pinellas County children and families during the pandemic.
- **Nominations can be submitted at any time during the year and will remain in the running for consideration throughout the award period.** However, only nominations received by established deadlines will be considered for that round of awards (see schedule below).
- **Award presentations to winners will be coordinated with their nominator/nominating agency.** KidsFirst winners will receive a \$500 check and recognition during a JWB Board Meeting, along with recognition on JWB's social media, website, press releases, and PSA's. No annual award will be given this year. Should an awards ceremony be held at the end of the fiscal year, all monthly winners will be recognized and their work spotlighted at the event.

AWARD ROUND	CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS	RECOGNITION TIMELINE	RECOGNITION TIMELINE	RECOGNITION TIMELINE
Round #1	11/1/20 – 12/18/20	12/18/20	<b>October Awardee*</b> ***** Recognition at JWB Dec. 10 Board Meeting	X	X
Round #2	12/18/20 – 2/12/21	2/12/21	<b>November Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB May 13 Board Meeting	<b>December Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB May 13 Board Meeting	<b>January Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB May 13 Board Meeting
Round #3	2/12/21 – 4/16/21	4/16/21	<b>February Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB June 17 Board Meeting	<b>March Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB June 17 Board Meeting	<b>April Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB June 17 Board Meeting
Round #4	4/16/21 – 7/16/21	7/16/21	<b>May Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB Sept. 8 Board Meeting	<b>June Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB Sept. 8 Board Meeting	<b>July Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB Sept. 8 Board Meeting
Round #5	7/16/21 – 8/13/21	8/13/21	<b>August Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB Sept. 8 Board Meeting	<b>September Awardee</b> ***** Recognition at JWB Sept. 8 Board Meeting	

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate an outstanding  
 Pinellas County social services professional.

## Nomination Criteria

- Nominee consistently performs above and beyond their job requirements to serve the children and families of Pinellas County, with a particular emphasis on their impact during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nominee's efforts during the pandemic, at work and/or in the community, have helped improve the condition of a group or individual. Nominee is an inspiration to co-workers and clients. Specific examples must be included on the nomination form.
- Nominee is an employee in good standing of an employer with a Pinellas County program.
- **Nominee is a frontline staff; that is, his or her primary job responsibilities are to provide direct services to children and/or families.** Nominee's primary job duties do not involve supervising other staff or serving in the role of manager, director, executive director, or CEO.
- Classroom teachers, above pre-kindergarten level, are not eligible. However, public or private school social services employees are eligible, including social workers and guidance counselors.
- The nominee may not be an employee or family member of the Juvenile Welfare Board administration or executive leadership.
- Agencies may nominate an unlimited number of staff during the year that meet the nomination criteria. However, an agency is limited to only two winners per year, and the two winners must work for different programs operated by that agency.

## Nomination Process

- To nominate a remarkable social service employee, [CLICK HERE](#). You may also find the online Nomination Form on JWB's website: [www.jwbpinellas.org/kidsfirst-awards](http://www.jwbpinellas.org/kidsfirst-awards).
- Nominations will be accepted beginning November 1, 2020 and ending August 13, 2021 (see schedule above).
- Nominations may be submitted at any time and will remain in the running for consideration throughout the year. However, only nominations received by established deadlines will be considered for that round of awards (see schedule above).
- The Selection Committee is comprised of representatives from JWB's three Community Councils, plus two past KidsFirst winners. The Committee will review and rank nominations based on the nomination criteria and response questions on the nomination form.
- For additional information or questions contact: [Communications@jwbpinellas.org](mailto:Communications@jwbpinellas.org)