

2024-2025 KIDSFIRST COOPERMAN-BOGUE AWARDS NOMINATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations for the 2024-2025 KidsFirst Cooperman-Bogue Awards are now being accepted and will run through July 25, 2025. Nominations for exemplary social service professionals can be made at any time during the nomination period and will remain in the running for consideration through the published deadline for the award period. In order for a nomination to be considered, it must meet the criteria outlined below. **KidsFirst Winners will be publicly recognized at JWB's Annual KidsFirst Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg.**

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

General Information

- All nominations must be submitted electronically using the [ONLINE NOMINATION FORM](#) or you may print out the form, complete, and mail to: Juvenile Welfare Board/ATTN: Communications Team, 14155 58th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33760
- Additional materials will not be accepted or used in support of the nomination.
- All nominations will be reviewed and judged by a panel of community representatives according to the criteria requested on the nomination form.
- Nominations can be made at any time during the year and will remain in the running for consideration throughout the published deadline for that award period. See next page for nomination, selection, and award schedule.
- For additional information contact: Communications@jwbpinellas.org

Nomination and Selection Criteria

- Nominee consistently performs above and beyond their job description/requirements to serve the children and families of Pinellas County.
- Nominee is an inspiration to co-workers and to clients (children and/or families they serve).
- Nominee's efforts have helped improve the condition of a group and/or individual.
- Nominee is an employee in good standing of an employer with a Pinellas County program.
- The nominee's primary duties are to provide direct services to children and/or families - NOT to supervise, manage, direct, or oversee a program.
- Classroom teachers above the pre-kindergarten level are NOT eligible. However, other public or private school employees, such as social workers and guidance counselors, are eligible.
- The nominee may not be an employee or family member of the Juvenile Welfare Board administration or executive leadership.

2024-2025 KIDSFIRST COOPERMAN-BOGUE AWARDS SCHEDULE

ROUND #1 – KIDSFIRST WINNER

Nomination Deadline	February 28, 2025
Selection Committee Review	March 3, 2025 – March 10, 2025
Award Winner Surprise Presentation*	March 11, 2025 – March 21, 2025
Award Recognition by JWB Board	April 10, 2025

ROUND #2 – KIDSFIRST WINNER

Nomination Deadline	March 28, 2025
Selection Committee Review	March 31, 2025 – April 7, 2025
Award Winner Surprise Presentation*	April 8, 2025 – April 18, 2025
Award Recognition by JWB Board	May 15, 2025

ROUND #3 – KIDSFIRST WINNER

Nomination Deadline	May 23, 2025
Selection Committee Review	May 27, 2025 – June 6, 2025
Award Winner Surprise Presentation*	June 9, 2025 – June 20, 2025
Award Recognition by JWB Board	July 24, 2025

ROUND #4 – KIDSFIRST WINNER

Nomination Deadline	July 25, 2025
Selection Committee Review	July 28, 2025 – August 4, 2025
Award Winner Surprise Presentation*	August 5, 2025 – August 15, 2025
Award Recognition by JWB Board	September 22, 2025