



2025 PASEsetter Awards How to Submit a Winning Nomination

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PASE at a Glance

The Partnership for After School Education (PASE) is a child-focused organization that promotes and supports quality afterschool programs, particularly those serving young people from underserved communities.



PASE is a thriving network of over 1,600 afterschool agencies in New York City who collectively serve over 500,000 youth each year



Afterschool: school-based, community-based, weekdays, weekends, and/or summers



183

professional development events



6300+

attendees

PASEsetter Awards Benefit



A celebration of afterschool – February 26, 2025, at Cipriani 42nd Street

5 outstanding afterschool educators

125 PASEsetter Winners to-date!

400+ guests including institutional funders, major donors, city and state government officials, friends and colleagues from across the field











Award

- Invitation to this year's benefit awards + 9 seats for their family, friends, and/or colleagues
- Speech to showcase their work and their agency's work
- Crystal award and \$1,000 cash award
- \$4,000 award to their agency



The PASEsetter winner community is now at 125 afterschool educators and leaders from across NYC and continues to grow!



"Winning a PASEsetter Award rekindled my passion for the work that I do."

Madeline Rosario, 2017 PASEsetter Winner

Key Dates

Nominations due **Friday, November 1** (extended deadline)

Nominators and Award winners notified by **Mid December 2024**

Award Winner Reception

January 2025

PASEsetter Awards Benefit **February 26, 2025**

Nominate a PASEsetter

Submit nominations here: bit.ly/2025PASEsetterNom

Instructions: bit.ly/2025PASEsetterNomOverview

Questions? jmorrison@pasesetter.org

Nomination Criteria - Eligible



- Staff at a youth-serving agency in New York City whose primary work is directly with young people in afterschool, in the evenings, and/or during the summers.
 - Community or school-based located in the 5 NYC boroughs.
 - Privately funded, publicly funded, sectarian and nonsectarian programs.
- Paid staff, not volunteers, full or part-time.
- Worked a minimum of three years at their current agency.
- Special consideration to nominees working in organizations they attended as a youth.

Nomination Criteria - Ineligible

- Nominations from an agency that has had a PASEsetter Award Winner within the last three years (2022, 2023, and 2024)
- Executive Directors

What qualities does a PASEsetter have?



- Have made significant impact on youth, families, and communities.
- Shown commitment, creativity, and leadership
- Start new initiatives and see them through
- Role model for their program
 participants and for other afterschool educators

PASEsetter Selection Committee

- Comprised of institutional funders, PASE board members, PASE Junior Board members, and past PASEsetter winners. The names of the selection committee are not released publicly during the selection process.
- Selection committee will thoroughly review all nominations and select the five 2025 winners

Criteria Used by Selection Committee

Evidence that the nominee has demonstrated

- Consistent dedication to the young people
- Innovation and creativity in youth programming
- A guide, listener, and advocate on behalf of youth and their families
- Leadership to the youth and/or the community to create positive change
- Collaboration with peers and colleagues

The Selection Committee also considers

- Years of experience in the field
- Whether they are an alumnus of the organization
- Ethnic and gender diversity
- Number of children impacted by their work
- Geographic diversity of organizations

The Application

- Basic contact information (Nominee, Executive Director, and Nominator)
- Narrative that describes the qualities and contributions of the nominee:
 - Why do you think they should be honored?
 - What makes them an extraordinary afterschool educator?
 - How has this person contributed to youth, the community, and the organization?
 - How does this person set an example for youth and peers (and other youth workers)?
- Encouraged to attach photos, articles, links to videos, testimonials from colleagues, parents, youth!

Application Tips

- Be personal! Share stories or anecdotes that bring this person's contributions to life
- Capture many voices (Executive Director, supervisor, youth, colleagues, community members, etc.)
- Brag about your nominee share details
- No page limit but longer isn't necessarily better
- Photos, videos, articles are encouraged!



FAQs

Can more than one individual be nominated from the same organization?

Yes, but only one person per organization can be selected as a 2025 PASEsetter Award Winner. We would
recommend consolidating efforts to present one robust nomination, but if you have several compelling
nominees, and you have the capacity to submit thorough nominations for all of them, you are welcome to.

My organization has had a PASEsetter winner in the past - am I eligible to submit a nomination?

Nominations will not be accepted from an agency that has had a PASEsetter Award Winner within the last three years. If a winner from your organization was recognized in March 2022, February 2023, or February 2024, a nomination from your organization will not be accepted this year. (See bit.ly/2025PASEsetterNomOverview for full list of organizations recognized in 2022, 2023, 2024).

My nominee has worked in afterschool for years, but only joined my agency 18 months ago – are they eligible for nomination?

Unfortunately, no. Nominees must have worked a minimum of 3 years at their current agency. While the three
years do not need to be consecutive, the nominee should have worked at the agency for at least two full years
leading up to the point of nomination (October 2022-October 2024).

Can I nominate myself?

Yes, but other people bragging about you often makes a more compelling case. If nominating yourself, we encourage you to incorporate other voices (testimonials from colleagues, supervisors, students, etc.) to position yourself for success.



"I worked in the afterschool community pretty much my whole life. This award validated my journey. Being amongst an elite group of educators and community watchmen, whose bone-deep passion is to serve and build our youth, it was my Nobel Peace Prize."

Jon-Paul Dyson
2020 PASEsetter Winner

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