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CABE 2027 Family/Community Advocate of the Year Guidelines

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) will recognize an outstanding family or community leader with the Family/Community Advocate of the Year Award at the CABE 2027 Annual Conference. The Family/Community Advocate of the Year Award Selection Committee will review all nominations and select the recipient.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current CABE member through April 30, 2027
- Must be a California resident
- A minimum of two (2) years of active involvement in parent/family/community engagement including participation in school-site or district-level activities and committees.
- Demonstrates leadership, commitment, and dedication to bilingual education at school-site and/or district
- Demonstrates a positive impact beyond the school setting such as cultural events, parent workshops, community outreach, or local partnerships.

Deadline

All entries, including all required documents, must be submitted through the online application by **December 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The CABE 2027 Parent of the Year Award recipient will be notified by **January 21, 2027**.

***Important:** Eligible nominees may include parents, school board members, and community members. School personnel are not eligible for this award.

Submission Requirements

- **Candidate's Statement** - maximum two (2) pages.
The nominee or nominator must submit a written statement describing the parent/family/community member's contributions, involvement, and impact in supporting multilingual learners and schools. The statement should address the following:
 - » How the nominee supports and uplifts the school community, particularly in advancing bilingual education and supporting multilingual students and English learners.
 - » Outcomes and positive changes resulting from the nominee's involvement.
 - » The nominee's role in building bridges among families, schools, and communities.

Statements may be submitted in English and the nominee's home language.

- One (1) letter of recommendation from the nominator.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, school staff member, administrator, or community member who can speak to the nominee's contributions.
- One (1) high-resolution head-and-shoulders photo of the nominee (minimum 300 dpi).

Award Package Includes:

- Recognition at the CABE 2027 Awards Luncheon, Thursday, March 11, 2027 in Long Beach, CA
- A \$500 award
- Complimentary registration to the CABE 2027 Annual Conference
- One (1) night hotel accommodations
- Two (2) Awards Luncheon tickets (one for award recipient and one for a guest)
- A framed certificate of recognition



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