



AWARDS AND HONORS

NOMINATION FORM: TRAILBLAZER Award (Promotion & Advocacy of SEL in Texas - Individual or Organization)

The **Trailblazer** award is designed to recognize an individual or organization that has gone 'above and beyond' to establish awareness and understanding of social, emotional, and character development as a fundamental right for all children and as a critical necessity in the process of learning. This award is the highest recognition of service given by SEL4TX. In selecting the award recipient, the awards committee will be guided by how well the individual or organization has demonstrated the following criteria:

1. Activities have focused on advocacy, promotion, and advancement of social, emotional, and character development through policy and system-level changes at either national, state, or local levels.
2. Efforts have demonstrated a significant contribution toward advancing the social and emotional well-being of children across the state, and/or have influenced policy changes, reforms, and/or procedural changes at the systems level.

Contact information for person submitting this nomination:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Proceed to the next page to complete the nomination.

1. Please provide the following information about the individual or organization being nominated for the **Trailblazer** award for social, emotional, and character development:

Name (Individual/Organization) _____

Address _____

Street/P.O. Box

City

Zip Code

Telephone _____

If nominee is an organization, provide name and information for primary contact:

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

2. Explain how the individual or organization has demonstrated one or both of the above criteria (i.e., information should be provided for both criteria, when appropriate). Please use specific examples that illustrate how the efforts of the individual or organization led to **direct** changes in policy or system operations, and/or **contributed** to the positive advancement of social, emotional, and character development across the state.
- a. Criteria #1: Activities have focused on advocacy, promotion, and advancement of social, emotional, and character development through policy and system-level changes at either national, state, or local levels.

Explain: _____

- b. Criteria #2: Efforts have demonstrated a significant contribution toward advancing the social and emotional well-being of children across the state, and/or have influenced policy changes, reforms, and/or procedural changes at the systems level.

Explain: _____

3. Using your own words, please describe why you think this individual or organization has demonstrated exceptional efforts to advance and promote the social, emotional and character development of young people through policy and system-level changes. Discuss any major challenges the individual or organization may have encountered and what was done to address and overcome these challenges, if any. In summary, please tell us why you believe the individual or organization is deserving of the distinguished honor of being a **Trailblazer** for social, emotional, and character development.

Response: _____