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CABE 2026 Parent of the Year Guidelines

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) will recognize a candidate for the Parent of the Year Award at the CABE 2026 Annual Conference. If you or someone you know has made significant contributions to bilingual education and multilingual and English learner programs, you are invited to submit a nomination. The CABE 2026 Parent of the Year recipient will be notified on January 15, 2026.

Nomination Criteria

- Must be a current CABE member through April 30, 2026
- Must be a California resident
- A minimum of 2 years of active involvement in parent/family/community engagement within the classroom or on school site or district committees
- Demonstrates leadership, commitment, and dedication to bilingual education at school site and/or district
- Positive community impact beyond the school setting (e.g., cultural events, parent workshops, local partnerships, etc.).

Deadline

All entries must be received via online application by **December 5, 2025, at 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)** including all required documents. *Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.*

Important: School personnel are not eligible for this award. (Note: can be a School Board Parent)

Submission Requirements

- Candidate's Statement - (double-spaced, maximum 2 pages)
- The nominee or nominator must submit a written statement describing the parent/family member's contributions, involvement, and impact in supporting multilingual learning and schools. The statement should reflect:
 - » How the parent partners with teachers, staff, and school leaders to support their child's education
 - » The ways they uplift their school community, especially in support of bilingual education and English learners
 - » Outcomes and positive changes that have resulted from their involvement
 - » Their role in building bridges between families, schools, and communities
- Submissions are welcome in two languages (English & the home language, i.e. Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, including one (1) from the nominator, and one (1) from a teacher, school staff member, administrator, or community member who can speak to the parent's contributions
- A high-resolution (at least 300 dpi) head-and-shoulders photo of the nominee

Award Package Includes:

- Recognition at the CABE 2026 Awards Luncheon, Thursday, March 5, 2026 in San Francisco, CA
- An award of \$500
- Complimentary registration to the CABE 2026 Annual Conference
- One (1) night hotel lodging
- Two (2) Awards Luncheon tickets (one for awardee and one for a guest)
- A framed certificate of recognition