



## Native American Heritage Month 2025

*"Celebrating Florida's Native American Heritage"*

### Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Native American Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award

#### Official Rules and Guidelines and Nomination Form

Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Native American Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award Contest is open to any full-time educator who works in an elementary, middle or high school in Florida (including public, charter, private, home or virtual). Nominations may be submitted by a principal, teacher, parent/guardian or student.

**Entry Dates:** Entries can be mailed to Volunteer Florida, Native American Heritage Month Committee, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, or submitted electronically at [www.floridanativeamericanheritage.com](http://www.floridanativeamericanheritage.com). All entries must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Friday, November 21, 2025.

**Awards:** Four winners will be selected and will receive a \$2,500 monetary prize from Volunteer Florida. Once the winners are announced, the decision is final.

#### Nominee Information

Name of Nominee:		
Subject(s) Taught:	Grade(s) Taught:	
Nominee's Florida Educator Certificate Number:		
Nominee's Email:	Nominee's Cell Phone Number:	
School Name:	County:	
School Mailing Address:		
City:	State: Florida	Zip Code:
School Phone Number:	School Email Address:	

#### Nominator Information

Name of Nominator:
Nominator Type: (student, parent/guardian, teacher, principal)
Nominator Cell Phone Number:
Nominator Email Address:

**In 250 words or less, explain why you think this educator should receive the Native American Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award.**

**In 250 words or less, describe how the nominee has made an impact in your life, school and/or community.**

**Educator Award Checklist**

- ☐ Completed, legible nominee information
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- ☐ 250 words about why the educator deserves the award
- ☐ 250 words about impact(s) the educator has made
- ☐ Applications must be received by Volunteer Florida by **5:00 pm Eastern Time on Friday, November 21, 2025.**