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School Nutrition Association Thelma Flanagan Gold Achievement Award

Thelma Flanagan was an SNA pioneer leader and Past President, who throughout her long child nutrition career championed high professional standards for all SNA members. She promoted ongoing member training as the key to development of quality school meal programs. She encouraged long-range vision, challenging members to adapt to change and “raise the bar,” moving child nutrition programs ever forward.

Each year SNA honors state leaders who support high professional standards for all members throughout their year as State President. This includes incorporating high standards of achievement in areas of leadership, dedication and commitment to the professional development of their members and child nutrition programs.

State presidents will be recognized for their year of service to their association by receiving the Thelma Flanagan Gold Achievement Award. The gold, framed certificates are presented at the SNA Annual National Conference.

All State Presidents must submit a State Affiliate President recognition form to their Regional Directors by December 15 annually. Those forms then need to be forwarded to SNA headquarters.

To State Presidents: You will find ample opportunity to enhance your leadership skills throughout the cycle of your 2007-08 Annual Plan. “Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.” said Maya Angelou. Each of you has the opportunity to be an outstanding president. Design an energized plan that empowers members to be involved, resulting in stronger child nutrition programs.

GUIDANCE FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR:

1. Participate in at least one SNA membership drive showing a positive result in membership between August 2007 and the end of April 2008.
2. Hold a mega-issue discussion at a state meeting and provide a brief written overview to your SNA Regional Director.
3. Use your state affiliate community on the SNA website to post a “President’s Update” at least four times during the year.
4. Meet with at least one of you state legislators or their staff to promote child nutrition programs.
5. Utilizing the principals learned at National Leadership Conference, work through the process of Issue Development in you state.
6. Hold a Leadership Orientation and cover the procedures of Knowledge Based Decision Making.
7. Hold a wellness event at the state meeting.
8. Hold a food safety session, such as HACCP, at a state meeting.



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State Affiliate President Recognition Form

Due to the Regional Director by December 15

PURPOSE: To inform Regional Director and SNA Headquarters that this leader has dedicated a year of service to the state affiliate and should be recognized with the Thelma Flanagan Gold Achievement Award

State: _____

President: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

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Signature: _____

President

Date: _____