Purpose: Adult education and career, technical and workforce education serve over 170,000 students in Florida through a dual delivery system of K-12 public school districts and community/state colleges. Correctional institutions, libraries, community and faith based organizations also serve adult students. The Sunshine Success Stories identifies learners who have reached their life goals as a result of their participation in the adult education system and are now active in their communities.

How to participate in the Sunshine Success Stories: Nominations may be submitted by any Florida adult education teacher, administrator, or agency. Complete the nomination application form and email it with a photograph of the nominee to Julie Roberts at: Julie@aceofflorida.org.

The deadline is September 8, 2017. All nominations will be reviewed for completeness and for how closely they address the criteria stated on the nomination form. Incomplete nominations and nominations that don’t address the criteria will not be considered. Students with accepted nominations will be contacted for verification of the information. A signed release must be obtained from the students before any stories are used and no personal contact information will be distributed through the project.

Selecting Adult Student Winners
Out of the students nominated, the ACE Awards Committee will select one to two students, based on their story, to be recognized at the 2017 ACE Conference. ACE of Florida will pay for travel and one night’s hotel stay at the conference hotel for the student(s) to attend the recognition.

Publicizing the Sunshine Success Stories:
ACE Report Magazine
Winners will have their story and picture placed in the ACE Report magazine. Copies will be mailed to all ACE members. Also, extra copies of the special addition magazine will be mailed or hand delivered to legislators, local policy makers, and business partners.

ACE Website

Print flyers, newsletters, press releases, advocacy brochures
Student success stories will be available to use in a variety of local, regional, and statewide print publicity of adult education including flyers, newsletters, and press releases.

Recognition of the Sunshine Success Stories Students
- Each nominee will receive a personalized certificate congratulating them on their success and achievements.
- Sunshine Success Stories will be published in the ACE Report magazine and also placed on the ACE website, www.aceofflorida.org.
Sunshine Success Stories: 
Showcasing Florida’s Adult Education Students 
Nomination Form

Criteria to be considered in selecting an adult education student nominee.
The nominee:
1. is an adult with significant life responsibilities, such as those related to employment or family.
2. has made positive contributions to the community as an adult education student and/or as a community member.
3. has established and met life/career goals as a result of completing an adult education program.
4. has improved the life situation of self/others as a result of learning experiences.
5. has overcome difficult circumstances in order to pursue adult learning experiences.
6. doesn’t have to be a current student.

Nominee Contact Information (Please print)

First Name: ___________________ Last Name: ___________________
Address: ___________________
City: ___________________ State, Zip: ___________________
Phone: ___________________ Email: ___________________

School District, State College Or Community-Based Organization: ___________________
Program/Level Class Enrolled In ___________________ Years of attendance: ___________________
Goals met by the nominee – Personal, Educational, Work, and/or Professional: ___________________
About the Nominee:
Be Specific. Refer to the criteria. Tell the success story. What is the person doing now? How did adult education contribute to the current success of the nominee? Include the nominee’s plans for the future. Please try to keep the narrative to 300 – 500 words.

Please give a general description of the program and school where the nominee attended.

Why this student deserves recognition.

Advice or quote from the student.

Quote from teacher, principal, employee.

Brief background information about the student.

Any additional information.
Sunshine Success Stories
Student Nominee Permission Form

The intent of the Sunshine Success Stories is to identify adult learners who have reached their life goals and are examples of students who are now successful as a result of their participation in Florida’s adult education programs. The stories of these students will be used to spread the word about the importance of adult education, what adult education is, and to help justify the need for continued funding for adult education programs.

The Sunshine Success Stories will be published in the ACE Report magazine, posted on the ACE website, and distributed to Florida’s legislators and policy makers.

Adult Student Nominees must sign the permission form below in order to be eligible for the Sunshine Success Stories Award.

I __________________________, give my permission to ACE of Florida, Inc. to use my picture and my story for the Sunshine Success Stories Awards. I understand that my picture and story will be printed in the ACE Report magazine, posted on the ACE website, and may also be distributed through press releases and advocacy brochures to legislators, local policy makers, educational organizations, and business supporters.

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Signature Date

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Print Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Phone

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Email Address

Received by ACE of Florida
Name: __________________________
Date: __________________________
Nominator Contact Information

Name of Nominator: ___________________________ Job Title: ___________________________

School District/State College or Community Based Organization: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ FAX: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

County: ___________________________ DOE Region: ___________________________

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Signature of Nominator Date

How to submit the Sunshine Success Stories Nomination Application

1. Fill out the Sunshine Success Stories Nomination Application.

2. Email, mail or fax the application to the ACE of Florida office. **EMAIL** a photograph of the nominee. Photographs may not be faxed or mailed.
   - Julie Roberts
   - ACE of Florida
   - 912 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
   - Tallahassee, Florida 32301
   - FAX Number: 850-222-0133
   - Email: Julie@aceofflorida.org

3. The Sunshine Success Stories Nomination Application can also be accessed online at the ACE Foundation website at: [http://www.aceoffloridafoundation.org/success-stories/](http://www.aceoffloridafoundation.org/success-stories/). Fill out the application online and submit it.

4. Please be sure to **email a photo** of the adult student nominee to: Julie@aceofflorida.org. Be sure to include the student’s name, school, city, and your name and contact information.

5. Questions? Contact Julie at 850-222-2233 or Julie@aceofflorida.org.