

## **2021-2022 Sunshine Success Stories: Showcasing Florida's Adult Education Students**

**Purpose:** Adult education and career, technical and workforce education serve over 80,000 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 Dave Barnes at: [dave@aceofflorida.org](mailto:dave@aceofflorida.org).

***The deadline is Friday, September 2, 2022 to be considered for the ACE Conference.***

### **Selecting Adult Student Winners**

All nominations will be reviewed by the Conference Awards Committee 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.

### **Publicizing the Sunshine Success Stories:**

#### **ACE Website**

Student success stories will be posted on the ACE of Florida website at: [www.aceofflorida.org](http://www.aceofflorida.org) and the Florida Department of Education, Career and Adult Education website at: [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org).

#### **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 student winners will be placed on the ACE website, [www.aceofflorida.org](http://www.aceofflorida.org).

**Sunshine Success Stories:  
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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 a special edition ACE Report, 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 a special edition 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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Date

## How to submit the Sunshine Success Stories Nomination Application

1. Fill out the Sunshine Success Stories Nomination Application.
2. Scan and email or fax the application to the ACE of Florida office. **EMAIL** a jpeg photograph of the nominee. Photographs may not be faxed or mailed.
3. Please be sure to include a photo of the adult student nominee. The photo can be emailed to: [Dave@aceofflorida.org](mailto:Dave@aceofflorida.org). Be sure to include the student's name, school, city, and your name and contact information.
4. For questions call or email Dave at 850-222-2233 or [Dave@aceofflorida.org](mailto:Dave@aceofflorida.org).

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