



SUNSHINE **SUCCESS** STORIES

Showcasing Florida's Adult Education Students





PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Sunshine Success Stories is to:

- Showcase the triumphs of students who participated in adult education/workforce education programs;
- Demonstrate the results of integrated academics – adult education to career and technical programs to community/state colleges;
- Increase awareness of adult education and career and technical education statewide; and
- Illustrate the impact of these programs on an individual's and state's economic growth.

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 included, or download the application from the ACE website, www.aceofflorida.org. Complete the application and submit it with a photograph of the nominee to Julie Roberts at: ACE of Florida, Inc., 912 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32301, or email Julie@aceofflorida.org. If emailing the photograph, please send in a jpeg format.

The deadline is August 20, 2010. 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:

Two students from each of the five regions of Florida (as determined by the 5 Florida Department of Education regions) will be selected as Sunshine Success Story winners. Depending on the number of nominations received, other deserving students may also be selected.

PUBLICIZING THE SUNSHINE SUCCESS STORIES:

ACE Report Magazine – A Special Edition

A special edition of the ACE Report magazine will be printed. 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

Student success stories will be posted on the ACE of Florida website at: www.aceofflorida.org and the Florida Department of Education, Career and Adult Education website at: 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 that are selected to be published in the ACE Report Magazine will receive a plaque or gift certificate.
- The overall Sunshine Success Stories student winner will be invited to attend the ACE Awards Brunch at the 20th Annual ACE of Florida Conference, September 30, at the Hilton Orlando, Orlando, Florida. (see below)

Recognition at the 2010 ACE Conference

One student winner will be selected to attend the 2010 ACE of Florida Conference and be honored at the ACE Awards Brunch on September 30, 2010. ACE of Florida will assist with travel arrangements (within reason) for the student winner to attend and will pay for 1 night stay at the Hilton Orlando for the night of September 29th. Meals will be reimbursed at the state per diem rate. All the Sunshine Success Stories regional winners will have their pictures and their stories featured at the ACE Conference.



The Sunshine Success Stories are sponsored by ACE of Florida, Inc.



NOMINATION FORM

Criteria to be considered in selecting an adult education student nominee:

- Current or former students who have participated in adult education programs and have achieved success.
- Adult education students who have achieved success in spite of great challenges or adversity.
- Adult education students who have demonstrated a commitment to society by volunteering in community events and making a major contribution to society.
- Adult education students who have continued their education, have transitioned into higher education, have secured higher paying jobs.
- Adult education students who now help their children to break the circle of illiteracy and poverty.

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: _____

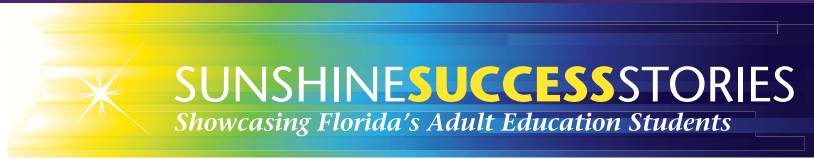
Goals met by the nominee – Personal, Educational, and/or Work: _____

About the Nominee: Please attach a typed 300-500 word narrative about the nominee telling their success story. Be specific. Refer to the criteria. What is the person doing now? How did adult education contribute to the current success of the nominee? Include brief background information about the nominee and their plans for the future. If emailing photograph, please send in a jpeg format.

Why this student deserves recognition:

Advice or quote from the student:

Quote from teacher, principal, employer:



Any additional information:

NOMINATOR Information:

Name of Nominator: _____ Job Title: _____

School District/State College or
Community-Based Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____ County: _____ DOE Region: _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR

DATE

HOW TO SUBMIT THE SUNSHINE SUCCESS STORIES NOMINATION APPLICATION

1. Fill out the Sunshine Success Stories Nomination Application included in this packet. You can also download the application from the ACE website, www.aceofflorida.org.
2. Mail or fax the application to the ACE of Florida office. You may mail a photograph or email the photo in a jpeg format. Photographs may not be faxed.

Julie Roberts
 ACE of Florida, Inc.
 912 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
 Tallahassee, FL 32301
 Office Number: (850) 222-2233
 Fax Number: (850) 222-0133

3. Please be sure to include a photo of the adult student nominee. The photo can be emailed in a jpeg format to Julie@aceofflorida.org. If the photo is emailed, be sure to include the student's name, school, city, and your name and contact information.
4. The deadline to receive the nomination application is August 20, 2010. The Student Nominee Permission Form may be sent separately.
5. For questions, call or email Julie Roberts at (850) 222-2233 or Julie@aceofflorida.org.



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_____	NAME
_____	DATE



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.

SIGNATURE

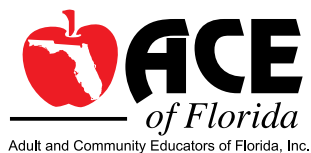
DATE

PRINT NAME

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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