



## Kids Praise Awards

**Purpose:** to recognize kids for displaying SEL skills and positive behavior

We all know that kids crave attention and are more likely to display positive behaviors if we take the time to recognize them for their efforts. Therefore, it is extremely important to give kids attention for the positive behaviors they display.

WINGS has 2 type of awards—SEL awards and Recognition awards

### SEL Awards

WINGSLeaders should constantly be looking for kids displaying the SEL skill of the 9 weeks. When they see this happening it should be recorded immediately. WINGSLeaders need to note how behavior reflected relates to the SEL skills. Every two weeks the Program Director will ask WINGSLeaders to submit all of their award winners. The awards are given out during Community Unity announcement time. Once kids are chosen they are called to the front of the cafeteria and presented with the award along with positive feedback regarding the behavior that helped earn them the award.

Here is a breakdown of the awards:

**Self-Awareness Award:** Recognizes kids for displaying self awareness.

*Example:* “This award goes to Randall for recognizing that math is not his strongest subject and making flashcards to help prepare him for his test tomorrow.”

**Self Management Award:** Recognizes kids for displaying self management.

*Example:* “This award goes to Shawn for managing his emotions today during art class. Another boy was flicking his ear and bothering him but instead of yelling or pushing the other kid, he told his WINGSLeader.”

**Responsible Decision-Making Award:** Recognizes kids for displaying responsible decision making.

*Example:* “This award goes to Tonya. Yesterday Tonya was not happy about having to clean up the playground. But she kept a positive attitude and worked hard instead of whining and wasting time.”



**Relationship Skills Award:** Recognizes kids for displaying relationship skills.

*Example:* ““This award goes to Gregory. Yesterday Gregory knocked James over while running on the playground. Gregory apologized to James and helped him clean off his shirt.”

**Social Awareness Award** Recognizes kids for displaying social awareness.

*Example:* “This award goes to Michelle for cheering up Malcolm when he was sad about doing poorly on his test.”

### **Recognition Awards**

WINGSLeaders should constantly be looking for kids that are going above and beyond. Some examples include: Making an important contribution to the community, making outstanding progress in some area, or achieving outstanding success in some area. WINGSLeaders should record notes about kids they feel deserve the award. Each month the Program Director will ask each WINGSLeader to nominate any kids they feel are deserving of the award. If one kid doesn't get a majority of the nominations, the WINGS staff members read the nominations of other staff and take a vote to determine the winner. Once the winners are decided, award certificates are printed out and presented to the winning kids during Community Unity. Each kid is called to the front of the room and given his/her award along with the reasons for his/her nomination. Each kid has his/her picture taken and the picture is placed on the monthly award board for all of the WINGS family and friends to see.

Here is a breakdown of the awards:

**The Bronze Award:** Given to kids in kindergarten through 1<sup>st</sup> grade

**The Silver Award:** Given to kids in 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**The Gold Award:** Given to kids in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

