



Angel Award®

Since 1995, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in grants to more than 100 volunteers who perform extraordinary work for Louisiana's at-risk children. This signature Foundation program is the annual Angel Award®, which is all about increasing awareness of children's needs throughout the state and providing much-needed resources to help address them.

Every year, the Angel Award recognizes eight outstanding volunteers with a \$20,000 grant to each honoree's nonprofit charity. The grants are presented at special events in honorees' local communities, and the honorees are celebrated at a special ceremony in the fall.

What makes an Angel?

Past winners of the Angel Award, ranging in age from 17 to 93, have been coaches, teachers, clergy, doctors, homemakers, entrepreneurs and many others. What they have in common is an unselfish contribution of time and energy to improve the welfare of Louisiana children.

Angel Award honorees are nominated from throughout Louisiana, and they are selected by a panel of past winners, called "Wings." Angel Award honorees are chosen based on their efforts to enhance any part of a child's life – physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually. Volunteer efforts may be through churches, civic organizations, schools or individual service work.

Requirements for Angel Award nominees:

- Volunteers must be individuals; groups cannot be nominated. (However, a person may be nominated for his or her work as part of a group.)
- Work must be performed in Louisiana, with Louisiana children as the primary beneficiaries.
- Nominees may be paid for their work, but the Angel Award recognizes efforts that go beyond job responsibilities.
- Work may be performed on work-release time or for student course credit.
- Volunteers may be nominated for lifetime accomplishments; however, individuals may not be nominated posthumously.



Angel Award®



Volunteers who are NOT eligible:

- past Angel Award winners
- members of the Angel Award selection committee
- elected political officials

Employee volunteers

The employees of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana also have an opportunity to be Angels, thanks to a special Foundation award called the Blue Angel. This award recognizes Blue Cross employees who do extraordinary volunteer work for children.

Do you know an Angel?

Nominations for the Angel Award open in the spring, and honorees are chosen in the summer. To nominate someone for the Angel Award, please complete a nomination form by visiting the "Community" section of www.bcbsla.com. You may also contact us at 1.888.219.2583 or angel.award@bcbsla.com to receive a nomination form.

As part of your nomination, you may include supporting information such as letters of recommendation, newspaper clippings, videos, photographs, CDs, DVDs and personal testimonials. These materials cannot be returned.

More information

For more information about the Angel Award, please contact the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation at 225.298.7979 or foundation@bcbsla.com.