



## **2024 Elementary Award Information**

Matchstick Consulting and the Oregon Health Authority are proud to announce the 2024 Sources Elementary Award nomination process. The purpose of the award is to celebrate the impact of Sources of Strength on elementary students and school culture and honor advocacy of Sources of Strength elementary programming in schools or districts. Up to 10 awards will be given statewide. Award winners will receive \$250 to support their Sources work in recognition of their time, energy and passion.

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### **Who is eligible for the Elementary Award?**

Eligibility criteria includes:

- Be located in and work completed in Oregon
- Be a current Elementary Coach, Instructor, or Champion of Sources Elementary Programming

### **Can previous award winners be nominated again?**

Previous award winners **cannot** win a second time. But please consider nominating a colleague.

### **What is the deadline to apply? When will winners be notified?**

The nomination form will open March 18th, 2024 and will close at 5pm April 22nd, 2024. Nominees will be notified of selection in early May and awards will be given during the Sources Showcase on May 23rd, 2024.

### **What are nominees being scored on?**

The selection committee is made up of Matchstick Consulting team members and community partners. The selection committee will score the entries based on how

strongly their efforts in upstream suicide prevention and/or mental health promotion **embody one or more** of the following components:

- ★ **Connecting students to their Strengths:** Tell us how the candidate has helped students explore and identify their Strengths. What are the lasting ways the candidate has helped students to practice reflective skills that bolster resilience and healthy decision-making.
- ★ **School-wide promotion of Sources:** Show us how the candidate has promoted the Sources of Strength model and messages in their school. Show us how the candidate found creative ways to embed Sources of Strength in their school culture.
- ★ **Advocate for Sources of Strength Elementary:** Tell us how the candidate advocated for prevention in their school, district or community. How has the candidate worked to inform, resource, connect, and empower others to learn about Sources of Strength Elementary?

### **Who can nominate?**

Any adult or colleague may nominate a Sources Elementary Coach, Instructor, Champion or School for the Sources of Strength Elementary award.

### **What is the application process?**

Nominations are submitted via an online [Google form](#) or emailing a handwritten [PDF form](#) to [julian@matchstickpdx.com](mailto:julian@matchstickpdx.com). More information about the Showcase can be accessed on our website: <https://matchstickpdx.com/sources-showcase>.

In addition to completing the questions asked in the online Google form, applicants are encouraged to submit a video (**optional**/about 1 minute) describing the nominee's contributions. Videos must be submitted to [julian@matchstickpdx.com](mailto:julian@matchstickpdx.com). Videos can also be submitted via google form application.

Submissions will be judged on content and not the "production quality" of videos. You can record this on your cell phone or use a webcam. The videos are meant to complement the written application, not create a barrier for nominations. Applicants may also include photos, images or any other information to tell the story of their efforts.

If recording and sending a video is a challenge, please reach out to Julian and our team will help develop a plan to record your submission via Zoom or another mechanism.

**How is “suicide prevention and mental health promotion” being defined?**

We paint suicide prevention and mental health promotion initiatives with a broad brush. The applicants will be scored on how closely their efforts fit within the Selection Criteria listed above.

**Who do I contact for questions about this?**

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please reach out to Julian at [julian@matchstickpdx.com](mailto:julian@matchstickpdx.com).