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# 2023 Elsie Burkhalter Award

This award is to recognize an individual in Oregon who exhibits the dedication, enthusiasm, and community involvement of the late Elsie Burkhalter. Elsie Burkhalter was an AFT member that led her local to win collective bargaining rights for all school employees in St. Tammany Parish, one of only a handful of school districts in Louisiana with collective bargaining.

Elsie Burkhalter gave back to her community through her service on the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors for 18 years; she was the first woman and first African American to hold that position. She also served on the Slidell City Council and was involved in numerous organizations such as the Workforce Investment Board, Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business, Slidell Women’s Civic Club and the League of Women Voters. Elsie Burkhalter was unwavering in her work, her efforts for educators, students, and her community.

Nominations may be made by individual members, by a local through action of the membership or of the local executive council, by the AFT-Oregon Executive Council, or by AFT-Oregon staff.

Please complete this form when nominating members for this award.

**Period Covered: 2022**

**Nomination Deadline: March 15, 2023**

**Email** completed materials as attachments to: [amberh@aft-oregon.org](mailto:amberh@aft-oregon.org)

or **mail** to:

AFT-Oregon Scholarship Program  
10228 SW Capitol Hwy  
Portland, Oregon 97219

Scholarship information and applications are available at [www.aft-oregon.org](http://www.aft-oregon.org/) or contact Amber Hicks at 971-888-5665.

# Elsie Burkhalter Award Application

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| Name of Nominee |  | |
| Nominee’s Place of Employment |  | Job Title |
| Nominee’s Local Name and Number |  |  |
| Nominee’s Mailing Address | City/State | Zip code |
| Nominee’s Cell Phone |  |  |

Nominee’s Primary Email Address

In what way or ways has this individual, during 2022, demonstrated the dedication, enthusiasm and community involvement similar to that of Elsie Burkhalter? Use additional paper if necessary and/or attach supporting documentation

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Name of person submitting nomination Cell phone number