

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Celebrate Literacy Award recognizes organizations, institutions, and individuals that have made significant literacy contributions at the local, state, or provincial level. We hope the celebration will familiarize the public with literacy activities in the community and call attention to the work that is being done by organizations, schools, and ILA to promote literacy worldwide.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Must be a current state/provincial chapter member and ILA member.
- Must apply to the state/provincial chapter to be considered.
- The chapter board reviews all nominations.

To become an ILA member or renew membership, please visit literacyworldwide.org/membership or contact ILA Customer Service at 800.336.7323, 302.731.1600, or customerservice@reading.org.

SUBMISSION TIMELINE: Rolling deadline. Chapter awards are given throughout the year. See state/provincial chapter for details.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Candidates who have shown exemplary accomplishments in *any* of the following areas may be nominated for consideration by a state/provincial chapter as a Celebrate Literacy Award recipient:

- Direct teaching at any level
- Organizing local literacy programs
- Promoting support from the public relative to enhancing literacy
- Producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programs
- Conducting research in the field related to literacy
- Conducting special surveys of importance for literacy planning
- Providing young people the opportunity to help in literacy activities
- Conducting informal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic, or political nature in which literacy activities are included (social media programs, publications and press, library programs, and projects for special populations, such as the handicapped and the aged)

HOW TO APPLY/NOMINATE:

Each state/provincial chapter shall determine specific guidelines for the Celebrate Literacy Award. Each nomination is reviewed by the state/provincial chapter board.

Nominations must include the following information:

- Name, address, and phone number of the nominee
- Description of the contributions to literacy on which the nomination is based (not to exceed three pages)
- Results of the contributions and their benefit to the community, state, or province

To apply for the Celebrate Literacy Award, contact your state/provincial chapter. For general inquiries regarding the award, contact chapters@reading.org.

SUGGESTED CHECKLIST FOR CHAPTER AWARD COMMITTEE REVIEW:

- Develop criteria for selecting the recipients.
- Prepare a nomination form to be distributed to chapter members and other individuals, agencies, and institutions interested or involved in literacy that are eligible to nominate potential candidates. The deadline, criteria, and process for returning nominations must be clearly stated on the form.
- Coordinate activities with the public information or publicity committee to ensure maximum publicity.
- Create an awards committee that is responsible for reviewing nominations.
- Announce the award to the community. Include information on how to submit the names of the nominees, as well as the criteria and deadlines for submission of nominations. Include institutions of higher education, ministerial associations, government agencies, libraries, civic groups, and service organizations in your contacts.
- After receiving the nominations by the deadline set by the awards committee, the committee will review the nominations and choose the recipients.
- Contact ILA with the winner's name to receive an award certificate by emailing chapters@reading.org.
- Present the awards to the winners.
- Distribute press releases prior to and following any awards presentations.

Please contact chapters@reading.org for assistance with your award submission.