

The Celebrate Literacy Award is an International Literacy Association Award for Presentation by Chapter Associations.

The International Literacy Association seeks to promote literacy worldwide by improving the quality of reading instruction through the study of the reading process and teaching techniques. The 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 the schools and the International Literacy Association to promote literacy worldwide.

Submission Timeline

- Rolling deadline.
- Chapter awards throughout the year.
- See state/provincial chapter for details.

General Qualifications

- Candidates must be a current state/provincial chapter member and an ILA member.
- Candidates must apply to the state/provincial chapter to be considered.
- Chapter board will review all nominations.

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Award Criteria

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

1. Direct teaching at any level
2. Organizing local literacy programs
3. Promoting support from the public relative to enhancing literacy
4. Producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programs
5. Conducting research in field related to literacy
6. Conducting special surveys of importance for literacy planning
7. Providing young people the opportunity to help in literacy activities

8. Conducting informal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic, or political nature in which literacy activities are included (i.e., social media programs, publications and press, library programs, and projects for special populations such as the handicapped and the aged).

Required Information

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

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.

To apply for the Celebrate Literacy Award, contact your state/provincial chapter. For general inquiries regarding the award, contact ILAAwards@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 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 nominations by the deadline, have the awards committee review the nominations and choose the recipients.
- Notify the recipients immediately and advise them of the time and place of the awards presentation.
- Contact ILA with winner's name to create certificate by emailing information to ILAAwards@reading.org.
- Present the awards to winners.
- Distribute press releases prior to and following any awards presentations.

Please direct any questions to ILAAwards@reading.org