

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

AWARD INFORMATION

The LASL School Librarian of the Year Award is presented annually, when merited, to a school librarian who has demonstrated outstanding work and dedication to the mission and goals of the library profession within the state of Louisiana. The recipient of this award will receive a \$100.00 honorarium and an engraved plaque which will be presented at the annual conference of the LASL board's choosing. Each nominee/applicant shall be judged by a committee on the basis of the selection criteria approved by the LASL executive board. By signing the application, you agree to meet the recipient requirements as detailed below.

Recipient Requirements:

- Be a current member of LASL.
- Be a certified school librarian currently employed full time in the state of Louisiana.
- Assist in selecting the LASL School Librarian winner the following year.
- Present at the annual conference in the year following acceptance of the award.

Selection Criteria:

- Exemplary service to fulfill the needs of students and school community.
- Effective promotion of the library and its programs and services.
- Creativity in programming and use of content.
- Collaboration with peers, staff, and administrators.
- Outreach to the community including parents and families.
- Student engagement in programming, services, research, and reading.
- Exemplary application of 21st century skills, technology skills, and information literacy skills.
- Leadership within the school building and beyond.
- Participation in professional organizations.

Supplemental Materials:

(Please be sure these materials are also attached to the e-mail communication sent to lla@amigos.org.)

1. Two letters of recommendation on a school letterhead; one from an administrator and one from an educator with whom you have collaborated. Letters of recommendation should include specific examples of what you do in your school library that reflect the selection criteria listed above.
2. A complete résumé which lists:
 - education
 - places of employment as a school librarian
 - professional organizations
 - offices held
 - committees
 - conference presentations made
 - awards received
 - published articles
 - social media handles
 - grants received
3. One written response to a narrative option of the applicants' choosing from the application form.
4. One video response to a narrative option of the applicants' choosing from the application form. *(include the URL link to your video on the application form)*

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Nominee/ Applicant:

Name:
Professional Title:
E-mail:
Phone Number:
Home Address:
School:
Name of Administrator:
School Address:
School Phone Number:
URL link for video response:
Length of LASL Membership:
Signature:

Nominator, if applicable:

Name:
Phone Number:
E-mail:
Address:
Signature:

Attach one written and one video narrative to this application. Each narrative response should address a different narrative option from the list below. Written responses should be between 500-1000 words, and video responses should last approximately 3 minutes.

Narrative Option 1: By giving students the opportunity to develop the 21st century skills of communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration, librarians can help to prepare them to be college and career ready. How does your library program help support the teaching of 21st century skills in your school?

Narrative Option 2: Librarians often adapt ideas they learned from other librarians or educators. Describe a program, service, club, holiday, fundraiser, or event that you either created yourself or adapted from someone else's idea. Be sure to describe how you tailored or adapted the idea to work for your library and students.

Narrative Option 3: Describe an outstanding collaboration between you and a colleague such as an administrator, teacher, a community partner, another librarian, etc. Please provide details of what the collaboration was, who it was with, how it benefited your students or school and why you consider it to be "outstanding."

Submission: Application must be sent electronically by February 25th of the application year to lla@amigos.org

Subject Line: LASL School Librarian of the Year, Nominee/Applicant Name