

Literacy Association of Tennessee Reading Teacher of the Year Application

Deadline for Submission: November 2, 2018

The Literacy Association of Tennessee presents the opportunity for nominations for the LAT Reading Teacher of the Year. The nomination may be made by any Chapter or Board of Directors Member for an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to undergraduate or graduate education at a state recognized college or university. Each chapter may establish its own procedure for selecting the person who they believe deserves this recognition at the State Level. The nomination of a chapter should reflect the consensus of opinion of the entire chapter.

Criteria

- The nominee must spend a minimum of 50% or more of their instructional time actively engaged in the teaching of students in grades PreK-12.
- The nominee must be involved in the teaching of reading. If reading instruction occurs in another setting besides the classroom, please specify and document time spent teaching reading.
- At least two (2) of the following shall also be necessary for consideration of nominee:
 1. organizing local literacy programs,
 2. promoting support for the public relative to enhancing literacy,
 3. producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programs,
 4. conducting surveys of importance for literacy planning,
 5. providing young people the opportunity to help in literacy activities, and/or
 6. conducting informal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic, or political nature, in which literacy is included (i.e. radio/TV programs, publications and press, library programs, and projects for populations with special needs).
- The nominee should be a current member of a local chapter as well as LAT and ILA, and have been active for a minimum of three years. (**Non-membership automatically disqualifies nominee.**)
- The nominee should demonstrate participation in Local Chapter and LAT activities.

Procedure

Please complete the following information according to the directions provided. Extra materials will not be considered (i.e. photos, newspaper clippings).

Cover Sheet.

Please include: **Nomination for LAT Teacher of the Year**

LAT Local Chapter

Nominee Information (only on cover sheet)

Name

Address and Telephone

Email

Chapter Chair's Information

Name

Email

Telephone

Letter of Support.

Please label all sections, use Cambria (or similar style) – size 11-12, for a total of 1-2 pages. **Do not mention the nominee by name** to allow impartial readings.

- The letter from the Chapter Chair or Board Member should *clearly substantiate* the determining factors in the selection of the chapter's nomination. Accomplishments should be listed at the local, state, and ILA levels (as applicable) according to the criteria listed above.
- A reminder that while extra materials will not be considered, check that the letter of support and the nominee's official entry form include such projects and accomplishments.

Nominee Form.

Please specify participation and contributions, including dates when appropriate. **Do not mention the nominee by name** to allow impartial readings. Suggested outline:

Local School Level

- Years of teaching and years at local school
- Enumeration of contributions to the field of literacy in the local school, including, but not limited to, participation in parent or family literacy events, participation in-school or other tutoring programs, other school participation (committees, etc.)

Local Chapter and State Levels

- Years of membership
- Offices and committee chair positions held
- Attendance at local and state meetings/activities
- Literacy contributions (written narrative not to exceed two pages)

National Level (IRA/ILA)

- Number of years as a member
- Attendance and participation at meetings/activities
- Literary contributions (publications, articles, etc.)

Professional Information

- Educational background/recognition/awards
- Length of service in the educational field
- Membership and participation in other organizations (professional/educational)

Any Additional Information provided by nominee

The committee cannot consider any applications submitted after November 2, 2018.

Please email all documentation together to

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Subject line: LAT Teacher of the Year