SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST AWARD

SPONSOR: Louisiana Association of School Librarians

FREQUENCY: Annual when merited

DEADLINE: January 16th of the award year.

PURPOSE: To give recognition to a school library media specialist who has demonstrated a dedication to the mission and goals of the media specialist profession through his/her actions and philosophy.

DESCRIPTION: A $100.00 honorarium and an engraved plaque will be presented to the recipient.

The inscription reads: LASL Media Specialist Award
Presented to
(Recipient’s name)
Month/Day/Year

SELECTION CRITERIA: The nominee/applicant must be characterized by the following:

1. Member in good standing of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians.

2. Employed in the state of Louisiana.

3. A member of the Louisiana Library Association for at least 2 years at the time of the nomination.

4. Has made outstanding contributions in media/media services to the students, faculty, and/or instructional program of the school and/or school system where the nominee/applicant is employed. (Outstanding means innovative or beyond normal expectations.)

5. A building level media specialist.

6. Has been a media specialist for at least two years.

7. Has demonstrated a dedication to the mission and goals of the media specialist profession through his/her actions and philosophy.

8. Upon winning this award, an applicant must wait five years before applying again.

PRESENTATION:

1. The LASL President or the Committee Chair shall present the award.

2. The SLMS award committee will determine the recipient.
NOMINATION/APPLICATION must include the following:

1. Two letters of recommendation:
   One letter must be from an administrator and one must be from a teacher in your building with whom you have collaborated.
   (Please make sure that these letters give specific examples of what you do at your school and in your library and not just list the accomplishments found on your resume.)

2. Provide a complete resume that lists the following:
   • Education
   • Places of employment as a school librarian
   • Professional organizations to which you belong and any offices or committees in these organizations in which you have participated. (local, state or national)
   • Presentations that you have made at professional conferences (local, state or national)
   • Published articles in print or on the web
   • List of your professional web connections through social media like blogs, twitter, linkedin, facebook, etc. List only social media that you use for your library or as a library professional.
   • Awards and grants that you have won

3. Choose two of the narratives below and submit the answers with your application:

   A. Narrative 1 (500 to 1000 words)
      Describe an outstanding collaborative lesson or unit where you worked closely with a teacher in your building.

   B. Narrative 2 (500 to 1000 words)
      Describe an extracurricular event, project or activity that you have planned in your library to get students excited about what the library has to offer. This may be for events like National Poetry Month, Teen Read Week, Read Across America Day, Picture Book Month, Dot Day, Digital Learning Day or some other special event for your school that builds interest in the library and could even include activities with your library book club or student volunteer program.

   C. Narrative 3 (500 to 1000 words)
      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?