

ALEX ALLAIN INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AWARD

SPONSOR: LLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, Naomi Hurtienne Magola, and Beth Paskoff

FREQUENCY: Annual, if merited.

DEADLINE: January 16th of the award year.

PURPOSE: To recognize the contribution of an individual or a group who/which has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Louisiana.

DESCRIPTION: \$200 and a plaque to the award recipient; registration to the conference and a meal (lunch or dinner) on the day of the awards ceremony for the award recipient.

PREREQUISITES:

1. Must be a person or group who/which is actively promoting intellectual freedom in Louisiana.
2. Activities within the past five years are eligible for consideration.
3. Nominations for the award may be made by anyone in Louisiana, including an individual who wants to nominate herself or himself.

EVALUATION:

1. Nominees for the award will be judged on:
 - a. the role they have played in actively promoting intellectual freedom in their sphere of influence and beyond
 - b. the degree to which they exemplify the spirit of intellectual freedom
 - c. the impact which their efforts to promote intellectual freedom have made
2. The Library Bill of Rights (ALA) and the AECT Intellectual Freedom Statement will be considered very carefully as criteria for evaluation.
3. Examples of evidence which may be used:
 - a. Written and approved policies and procedures relating to intellectual freedom, if the nominee is employed in an educational institution
 - b. A description of programming activities and other methods of encouraging intellectual freedom on a continuing basis within the environment or in the locale where the nominee lives
 - c. Documented reports of the role which the nominee has played in promoting intellectual freedom, i.e., newspaper clippings, letters, publicity materials
 - d. Any other relevant information which further elucidates the nominee's role in the promotion of intellectual freedom
 - e. One or more letters of recommendation from persons knowledgeable of the nominee's contributions to intellectual freedom