

ESSAE M. CULVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

SPONSOR: Louisiana Library Association

FREQUENCY: Annual, if merited.

DEADLINE: January 16th of the award year.

PURPOSE: To honor a librarian whose professional service and achievements, whose leadership in Louisiana association work, and whose lifetime accomplishments in a field of librarianship within the state merit recognition of particular value to Louisiana librarianship.

DESCRIPTION:

1. Bronze medal about three inches in diameter. The obverse depicts a classical design; on the reverse is a inscription with the name of the award, the name of the recipient, and the year in which it is given.
2. An easel suitable for displaying the medal accompanies it.
3. The letters of nomination and endorsement are placed in an attractive folio, which is stamped with the name of the recipient, and the year in which it is given.

PREREQUISITES:

1. Must possess an M.L.S. degree, or equivalent degree, or hold library certification.
2. Must be a current LLA member who has been active in the association.
3. Must be nominated by an LLA member, although letters of endorsement may be submitted by either members or non-members.

March, 1999; December 2003, June 2004

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. Selection should be based on accomplishments and not solely on numbers of endorsements.
2. Nominations are valid for three years provided the person making the nomination sends an annual request for reconsideration.
3. Endorsements presenting special knowledge of the candidate are highly desirable in making the selection for the award.