

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD

SPONSOR: Academic Section

FREQUENCY: Annual, if merited.

DEADLINE: January 16th of the award year.

PURPOSE: To publicly recognize an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/ librarianship within Louisiana.

DESCRIPTION: Engraved plaque.

PREREQUISITES:

1. Must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic libraries/librarians/ librarianship in Louisiana may be considered.
2. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole, not to individual persons or institutions. Contributions, such as creating a "model library" on a particular campus, must be profound enough to be of wide interest and easily accessible for other librarians to benefit from its creation.
3. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The winner is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data. Nominees should be characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentations) which enriches the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies.
3. Serves as a model for other librarians or potential librarians who can help further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

NOMINATION:

1. Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Award Committee in the form of a letter.
2. Letters of nomination should include:
 - a. The full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
 - b. An outline of the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
 - c. A list of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.
3. Nominations and accompanying documentation for candidates not chosen for the award in a given year will be kept in the committee files for two additional years; the person who made the original nomination must submit a new letter to renew and update the candidate's nomination for the award.