

# Affiliate of the Year Award

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

## Overview

The AASL Affiliate of the Year Award recognizes the AASL Affiliate most active and dynamic in achieving the goals of AASL at the state and local level. AASL established this award to acknowledge the important contributions made by AASL Affiliates and encourage affiliates to take pride in their accomplishments. Through this recognition, AASL encourages educational growth, increased involvement at the national level and community, and legislative involvement.

## Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a current member of the AASL Affiliate Assembly.
2. Applicant must have been affiliated and in good standing for a minimum of two years. and
3. Applicant cannot have received this award for at least the last five years.

## Criteria & Rating

All applications for the grant will be judged against the following criteria:

1. Does the affiliate report of governance activities and essay demonstrate the affiliate's involvement in community, education and legislative efforts that give voice to school librarians and the profession? (This should include at examples of each effort). **(15 points)**
2. To what degree is the affiliate involved in Affiliate Assembly activities such as providing representation at ALA Midwinter and Annual meetings, participating in the concerns and commendation process (e.g. Communicating with members about concerns related to AASL)? **(13 points)**
3. Does/Did the Affiliate Assembly representative attend Affiliate Assembly at ALA Annual? Please list the years and the names of the delegate who attended Affiliate Assembly at ALA annual. **(2 points)**
4. Does the affiliate promote School Library Month and other AASL events to affiliate members? (This should include examples of promoted AASL events). **(15 points)**
5. Does the affiliate have a communication channel for affiliate activities? (This should include examples such as listserv, social media, etc.) **(10 points)**

6. Does the annual summary report of continuing education/professional development hours offered by the affiliate demonstrate the extent to which the affiliate provides continuing education/professional development opportunities for the affiliate members? (This should include examples of continuing education/professional opportunities to build the school library professional community). **(15 points)**
7. Does the affiliate develop leadership through affiliate governance and volunteer opportunities? **(15 points)**
8. What percentage of the affiliate are AASL members? **(5 points)**
9. To what degree does the affiliate promote ALA/AASL election participation? **(8 points)**
10. Does/Did the Affiliate Assembly representative attend the AASL Virtual Membership Meeting? **(2 points)**

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 100**