

2010

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AWARD

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA) and ProQuest Information and Learning.



PURPOSE

To annually recognize a personal member of the American Association of School Librarians who has upheld the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the American Library Association (ALA).

THE AWARD

The award shall consist of:

1. A plaque, plus \$2,000 for the school library media specialist
2. A framed certificate, plus \$1,000 for the school library media center designated by the recipient.

CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in the selection process:

1. The recipient shall be a personal member of AASL.
2. The recipient shall meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - a) Has developed and implemented an exemplary selection policy/challenge procedure
 - b) Has developed an innovative information program on intellectual freedom.
 - c) Has upheld intellectual freedom principles in the face of a challenge.
 - d) Has contributed to the literature of the field (print or non-print).
 - e) Has been active in the establishment and/or continuation of a coalition relating to intellectual freedom at a local, state or national level.
3. The recipient has not received another ProQuest, Inc. sponsored Intellectual Freedom Award in the same year.
4. At least one supporting letter of reference must accompany the application form. The reference must substantiate that the applicant has upheld the principles of intellectual freedom, and has met at least one of the criteria listed above. The letter must be submitted by one of the following:
 - a) District library media supervisors.
 - b) State, county or district school superintendents or building principals.
 - c) State, district and local library media organizations.
 - d) Directors of curriculum and instruction.
 - e) Directors of elementary and/or secondary education.
 - f) State school library supervisors.
 - g) Local school board members.

(Nominee does not have to meet all of the above stated criteria.)

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Application**



I nominate: _____
Name

Present Mailing Address

Nominated by: _____

Membership #: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Note: Nominations accepted by organizations or individuals. Self-nominations will not be considered. The recipient will be selected on the basis of the criteria, the purpose of the award and on the basis of evidence demonstrating the role she or he has played in promoting intellectual freedom.

Deadline

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2010

(Facsimile and/or electronic copies will not be accepted.)

Mail 6 (six) copies to:
AASL/Intellectual Freedom Award
c/o American Association of School Librarians
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611