The Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award is presented to the ALA chapter (state, regional, or student), division, round table, or affiliate (including division affiliate) that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one-year project that exemplifies support for Intellectual Freedom, patron confidentiality, and anti-censorship efforts.

Criteria for the award include, but are not limited to, the following:

- An ALA chapter or other qualified organization has been unusually successful in coalition-building so that allied groups are marshaled effectively to support intellectual freedom at the national, state, or regional level.

- An ALA chapter or other qualified organization has done an exemplary PR task in promoting awareness of intellectual freedom issues at the national, state, or region level.

- A project has been effective in recruiting activists within and outside of librarianship to work on intellectual freedom projects.

- A structure has been conceived that markedly enhances the continuity and effectiveness of the organization's efforts in intellectual freedom.

- A chapter, etc. has succeeded in galvanizing to an unusual extent support for intellectual freedom within a state chapter.

- A chapter, etc. has intervened with special effectiveness in an intellectual freedom crisis at the national, state, or regional level. Such intervention should, preferably, have resulted in a clear victory over the forces of censorship.

- Projects that can be generalized to other chapters, etc. will merit special attention of the Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award.
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Nomination Form

Organization: ____________________________________________________________

Nominated organization is a (select one):
☐ ALA State Chapter     ☐ ALA Regional Chapter     ☐ ALA Student Chapter  ☐ ALA Round Table
☐ ALA Division          ☐ ALA Affiliate              ☐ ALA Division Affiliate

Name of organization’s president/director/chair: ____________________________________________________________

Contact information for nominated organization: Please include contact information: mailing address, phone number, email, and website.

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Reason for nomination: Please describe the following:

1. The program or project
2. How it meets one or more criteria for this award

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References: Provide the contact information (mailing address, phone number, email, and website) for two individuals who would be in a position to speak to the effectiveness of the project. Designate the affiliation with the state committee or coalition that has been nominated.

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Is this a self-nomination? □ Yes □ No

Nominator: Please include your contact information: name, organization, position, mailing address, phone number, email, and website.

Nominations and supporting evidence should be sent via email, or mail to:

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Questions? Call 312-280-4226 or 800-545-2433 ext. 4226

Nominations must be received by January 1