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Policy Statement:

The AASL Roald Dahl's Miss Honey Social Justice Award recognizes and encourages collaboration and partnerships between school librarians and classroom teachers in teaching social justice through joint planning of a program, unit, or event in support of social justice using school library resources.

Focus: Members

Purpose: To outline the process for submission of nominees and selection of the AASL Roald Dahl's Miss Honey Social Justice Award recipient.

Procedure:

1. The applicant must be an AASL personal member.
2. The applicant must be a school librarian who has worked with a classroom teacher(s) to execute a project, event, or program to further social justice using resources in the school library.
3. The following criteria will be used in the selection process:
 - a. The librarian has made a significant effort to teach the concept of social justice in creative, inspiring ways. This might include, but not be limited to, teaching about civil liberties, human rights, international justice, genocide studies, and local issues of justice. For example, applicants may design a special lesson or course of study, create a school or district project, or lead their students in some way to address social justice.
 - b. Close attention will be focused on applicants who follow the spirit of social justice in their classroom and library; namely, those who possess the ability to expose injustice while at the same time inspiring their students to repair the world through justice, service, or advocacy.
4. The project will be judged on:
 - a. The degree of joint effort, over a significant period of time, between the school librarian and classroom teacher(s);
 - b. The use of appropriate school library resources to convey a child's sense of justice as exemplified by many of the characters in the works of Roald Dahl.
5. One award will be given annually. The committee may choose during any given year to not select a recipient for the award.
6. Nominations for the AASL Roald Dahl's Miss Honey Social Justice Award will be due February 1 of each year.

7. The subawards committee will:

- a. Judge nominees utilizing a standardized scoring rubric
- b. Vote on the nominee(s) prior to April 1 of each year

8. The chair of the subawards committee, in coordination with the board and staff liaison, will announce the award winner in the form of an Information Report at the Spring Executive Committee meeting.

9. The recipient will be sent a congratulatory letter from the Awards Committee Chair and AASL President. The nominator of the award recipient will be notified of the nominee's honor.

10. All candidates who were not successful in receiving the award will be sent a notification letter from the Awards Committee Chair and AASL President.

11. AASL Headquarters will prepare the award, which includes:

- Press release
- Certificate with recipient's name
- Recognition in Awards Ceremony material
- Recognition in *Knowledge Quest* and *Hotlinks*

12. Award sponsorships are set for automatic renewal. AASL must be notified in advance if an award will no longer be supported the following year by the current sponsor. The deadline for notification is May 1.