

Chapter of the Year Award

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

Overview

The AASL Chapter of the Year Award recognizes the AASL Chapter 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 Chapters and encourage chapter organizations 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 Chapters.
2. Applicant must have been affiliated and in good standing for a minimum of two years.
3. Applicant cannot have received this award for at least the last five years.

Criteria

In order to be considered for this award, a chapter should:

1. Be involved in community, education, and legislative efforts for a stronger voice for school librarians and the profession.
2. Be involved in AASL Chapter Assembly Meetings activities, provide representation at scheduled virtual Chapters meetings and in person meetings, and participate in the concerns and commendations process.
3. Promote School Library Month and other AASL events to chapter members.
4. Have a regular communication channel for chapter activities.
5. Provide a number of continuing education opportunities to meet the needs within the chapter membership and to build the school librarian professional community.
6. Develop leadership through chapter governance and volunteer opportunities.
7. Provide evidence about promoting ALA/AASL election participation.
8. Provide evidence a Chapter meeting representative attended the AASL Virtual Membership Meeting.

Deadline

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA ONLINE APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 1
ALL APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 4:30 CST ON THE DAY OF THE DEADLINE.**

*Please note: This downloadable version is for informational purposes only. All applications must be submitted online, via the Apply Now button at the top of the award's page (<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/chapter>).

Criteria & Rating

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

1. Does the chapter report of governance activities demonstrate the chapter's involvement in community, education and legislative efforts that give voice to school librarians and the profession? **(15 points)**
2. Does the report of continuing education/professional development hours offered by the chapter demonstrate the extent to which the chapter provides continuing education/professional development opportunities for the chapter members? **(15 points)**
3. Does the chapter have a communication channel for chapter activities? **(10 points)**
4. To what degree is the chapter involved in Chapter Assembly activities such as providing representation at meetings, participating in the concerns and commendation process (e.g. Communicating with members about concerns related to AASL)? **(15 points)**
5. Does/Did the Chapter Assembly representative attend Chapter Assembly? **(2 points)**
6. Does the chapter support AASL/ALA activities/effort/involvement in state's endeavors? To what degree does the chapter promote ALA/AASL election participation? **(15 points)**
7. What percentage of the chapter are AASL members? **(5 points)**
8. Does the chapter develop leadership through chapter governance and volunteer opportunities? **(15 points)**
9. To what degree does the chapter advance adoption and understanding of the National School Library Standards? **(8 points)**

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 100