

June, 2019

Iowa Reading Association Members,

I hope your year is off to a great start. As you look ahead to the 2019-2020 school year, please consider including the nomination of individuals/groups for Iowa Reading Awards in your council plans. Even if you have nominated someone in the past and then did not win, nominate them again. Enclosed you will find the nomination guidelines for these state awards.

The four annual awards are:

- *Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year
- *Iowa Reading Administrator of the Year
- *Iowa Service Award
- *Celebrate Literacy

Please pass these along to your local council members and select nominees for each award from your local council. Send your local council nominations to me by **February 17, 2020**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year

The Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year Award may be given to professionals who have demonstrated their interest, concern, and leadership in promoting reading within their domain. *Each council president receives one nomination form to present to the council. As a group, the council will select a nominee. No other persons will receive nomination forms.*

1. Nominees must be members of the local, state and national associations of the International Reading Association

Please list in what associations the nominee has been a member (local, state and national) including what offices have been held, on what committees the nominee has served, what honors the nominee has received, and how long he/she has been a member, if known.

2. Type a 1-2 page description of the nominee's qualifications for the Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year Award

Considerations may include:

- *Professional growth in the teaching profession*
- *List how the nominee is showing growth in each of the following areas:*

1. *Educational background*
2. *Improvement of teaching skills*
3. *Evidence of sharing expertise with colleagues*

- *Additional service to the teaching profession beyond the classroom*
List what other PROFESSIONAL activities in which the nominee has been involved other than the classroom.

- *Teaching of children*
Nominees must be involved in the direct teaching of reading. They can be a classroom teacher, Title I teacher, special education teacher, gifted and talented teacher, or teaching librarian.

3. The council shall submit a letter from the nominee's principal or supervisor. The council may include any other supportive material, such as news clippings or letters of support from colleagues, parents, college professors, or other people who can document the nominee's commitment to the teaching of reading.

Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year

Local Council: _____

Council President: _____

Address: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

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Iowa Reading Administrator of the Year Award

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1. Nominees must be members of the local, state, and international associations of the International Reading Association. These professionals (principals, reading supervisors, department heads, curriculum coordinators, superintendents, language arts consultants, or college professors) shall be defined as those persons whose positions involve supervision or curriculum development, implementation, and/or evaluation. *Please list in what associations the nominee has been a member (local, state and national) including what offices have been held, on what committees the nominee has served, what honors the nominee has received, and how long he/she has been a member, if known.*

2. Type a 1-2 page description of the nominee's qualifications for the Iowa Reading Administrator of the Year Award.

Considerations may include:

- Contributions in a leadership role in the promotion of reading*
- Influence on students, teachers, colleagues, children, or parents through instruction, lecture, writings, or research*
- Demonstration of increased knowledge and understanding of the reading process*

3. The council may include any other supportive material, such as news clippings or letters of support from colleagues, parents, college professors, or other people who can document the nominee's commitment to the teaching of reading.

Iowa Reading Administrator of the Year

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Council President: _____

Address: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

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Iowa Service Award

The Iowa Service Award may be given for unusual and distinguished service to the Iowa Reading Association. This award will be presented at the annual state conference. Any Iowa Reading Association member or local council may nominate someone for this award.

1. Nominees must be members of the local, state, and national associations of the International Reading Association.

Please list in what associations the nominee has been a member (local, state, and national) including what offices have been held, on what committees the nominee has served, what honors the nominee has received, and how long he/she has been a member, if known.

2. Type 1-2 pages describing the nominee's qualifications.

Considerations may include:

- Admirable service to the Iowa Reading Association in some specific capacity or capacities, requiring special skills, knowledge, and creative effort (e.g., as editor, TV producer, founder, etc., on local, state, national, and international level)
- Achievement of results that have made a significant impact on the growth of the Iowa Reading Association, on the dissemination of research findings, on the increase of legislation favoring good reading progress, or in some other area within the broad field of reading.
- Generous giving of time and talents as a committee member; local, state, national officer; sponsor of conferences; etc.

3. The person nominating may include any other supportive materials such as news clippings and letters of support from colleagues, parents, college professors or other people who can document the nominee's commitment to the service of Iowa Reading.

Iowa Service Award

Local Council: _____

Council President: _____

Address: _____

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Email Address: _____

Nominee: _____

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Celebrate Literacy Award

Celebrate Literacy Award recognizes an individual, agency or institution for significant contributions to literacy. This celebration of literacy will familiarize the public with literacy activities actually carried out in local, national, or international communities and will call attention to work being done to promote literacy as a “universal concern.” The nomination for this award should be a program that has been *created* by an individual or group at the *local* level. (It should not be an already established program provided for general use.) *Each council president receives one nomination form to present to the council. As a group, the council will select a nominee. No other persons will receive nomination forms.*

Type a 1-2 page description of the nominee’s qualifications for the Celebrate Literacy Award

Considerations may include:

- Any person or group of people who come together to celebrate literacy in their community – local, state, national, or international*
- The council may include any other supportive material, such as news clippings or letters of support from colleagues, parents, college professors, or other people who can document the nominee’s commitment to the teaching of reading.*

Celebrate Literacy Award

Local Council: _____

Council President: _____

Address: _____

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Nominee: _____

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