

2009

Information Technology Pathfinder Award

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



Purpose

To recognize and honor a school library media specialist demonstrating vision and leadership through the use of information technology to build lifelong learners.

Criteria

Each application will be judged on the basis of:

1. the identification and utilization of technologies which address the needs of the school community
2. the integration of technology into the school curriculum
3. depth of the impact on student learning.

Categories

Division One: For the innovative use of information technology in the school library media program in an elementary (K-6) setting.*

Division Two: For the innovative use of information technology in the school library media program in a secondary (7-12) setting.*

Awards

The awards for each division shall consist of:

1. A plaque, plus \$1,000 for the school library media specialist, in addition to travel expenses to and from the award ceremony.
2. A certificate, plus \$500 for the school library media center designated by the recipient.

Rules

1. All applications must be submitted within the parameters designated on this form.
2. A committee appointed by the American Association of School Librarians will screen all applications. Two national winners may be recommended, one in each division. The committee is not obligated to recommend a winner in each division.
3. For the purpose of this award, "information technology" shall be defined as "any technology or combination of technologies that enables students and teachers to access, integrate, manage and produce information in a wide variety of formats." These technologies include, but are not limited to, computers and computer applications, databases, Internet, CD-ROM, laser technology, video, telecommunications, networking, distance learning and other emerging technologies.
4. The recipients of both awards shall be school library media specialists and personal members of AASL.

**Note: All applications submitted become the property of AASL and ideas contained in them may be used, with appropriate credit, in future AASL publications.*

Deadline

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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

Mail 10 (ten) copies to:

AASL/Information Technology Pathfinder Award
c/o American Association of School Librarians
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 6061

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Application**



Section One: Application Cover Sheet

Name of Library Media Specialist _____

ALA Membership Number _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Work Telephone -() _____

Home Telephone -() _____

Application Category: **Division One: Elementary** _____

Division Two: Secondary _____

Brief Abstract of innovation:

Section Two: Application Narrative

Please provide a description of the information technology in the library media center which provides the following information. (Please do not exceed 10 total pages. Double spaced and minimum 11 point type.)

1. Goals and Objectives:

- A. Briefly describe the school, its students and faculty.
- B. Describe the goals and objectives for the library media program and for the use of information technology in the library media program.

2. Development and Impact of Information Technology:

- A. Describe the technology that is currently being used in your library media program.
- B. Describe the planning process and your role in the planning process.
- C. Indicate sources of budgetary funding.
- D. Discuss successes and challenges faced.

3. Teaching and Learning Applications:

- A. Describe how technology is integrated into the curriculum and your role in that integration.
- B. Indicate how technology is improving the teaching and learning process.
- C. Describe the training in technology use provided for teachers and students.

4. Evaluation:

- A. Describe how students and teachers are involved in evaluating the utilization of technology and its contribution to their teaching and learning.

Attach evaluation instruments if available.
- B. Describe any future plans for information technology in the library media program.