

Pennsylvania Outstanding World Language Educator: K – 12 and Post-Secondary

Purpose of the Award

This award is intended to recognize a member of the world language profession whose career has displayed excellence in the teaching of world language and who has made significant contributions to the world language profession.

Criteria for Applying:

Candidates must be full-time world language Pre-K – 12 or Post-secondary instructors or professors who spend at least 50 % of their time in direct teaching during the year of application. Candidates must be in the profession a minimum of 10 years and demonstrate excellence in world language education, be an active of PSMLA for a minimum of 3 complete consecutive years (for example January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017), demonstrate experience abroad, have presented at a world language conference, and have contributed significantly to the world language profession. It is highly recommended that the candidates are involved in at least one other world language association.

What is excellence in world language education?

Knowledge of the subject matter:

- High degree of proficiency in the target language
- Understands the culture of the target language countries
- Involves students in meaningful learning activities
- Uses methods which foster language acquisition

Awareness of students' learning:

- Develops student proficiencies
- Creates a caring and challenging learning environment
- Fosters critical thinking sets goals for student learning
- Differentiates instruction

Student rapport:

- Values each student
- Encourages open communication
- Promotes fairness

Intellectual growth of students:

- Helps students understand how their learning can be applied
- Helps students develop a different point of view

Professional growth and contributions:

- Continues development and growth in subject area and teaching strategies
- Collaborates in curriculum development and assessment
- Shares knowledge and experience through professional writings or presentations
- Demonstrates leadership in professional organizations
- Demonstrates leadership in the community

Process of Application:

A candidate may be nominated by a colleague who is currently a member of PSMLA.

Each candidate must submit these items for review by the awards committee of PSMLA:

1. One-page letter of recommendation from a colleague who is a current member of PSMLA.
2. Curriculum Vitae of no more than five (5) pages
3. Nomination form below submitted by a member of PSMLA.

Each candidate will be reviewed using the attached rubric.

All materials must be submitted as a PDF in one document not to exceed 6 pages by April 20.

Candidates failing to meet the deadlines or requirements will be disqualified.

PSMLA Outstanding World Language Educator NOMINATION FORM

I am nominating: (please underline one)

K-12 Educator or Post-Secondary Educator

My Name _____

E-mail _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

(Nominated Educator Information)

Name _____

E-mail _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

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Scoring rubric for candidate # _____

Requirements

- Y N** Evidence exists that the instructor is a PSMLA member for a minimum of 3 complete consecutive years. (for example, January 1, 2015 – December 30, 2017)
- Y N** Evidence exists that the instructor has been in the profession a minimum of 10 years.
- Y N** A nominating cover letter has been submitted.
- Y N** A curriculum vitae is included (not to exceed 5 pages).
- Y N** Evidence exists that the instructor has experience abroad.
- Y N** Evidence exists that the instructor has presented at a world language conference.
- Y N** Evidence exists that the instructor is involved in at least one other world language professional organization.
- Y N** Evidence exists that the instructor has made a significant contribution to the world language profession.
- Y N** The nomination form is complete.

Description	0	1	2	3	4	Score
Knowledge of subject matter	No evidence	1 example in curriculum vitae or support materials	2 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	More than 3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	
Experience abroad	No evidence	1 example in curriculum vitae or support materials	2 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	More than 3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	
Significant contribution to world language education	No evidence	1 example in curriculum vitae or support materials	2 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	More than 3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	
Involvement in other world language professional organization	No evidence	1 example in curriculum vitae or support materials	2 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	More than 3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	
Professional growth and contributions	No evidence	1 example in curriculum vitae or support materials	2 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	More than 3 examples in curriculum vitae or support materials	