

## **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 member 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 and 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

**Application Process:**

A colleague who is currently a member of PSMLA may nominate a candidate. Each candidate must submit these items for review by the PSMLA awards committee:

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

**Additional Information:**

- 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, 2017. 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**

PSMLA Member 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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Scoring rubric for candidate # \_\_\_\_\_

Description	0	1	2	3	4	Score
<b>Knowledge of subject matter</b>	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	
<b>Experience abroad</b>	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	
<b>Significant contribution to world language education</b>	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	
<b>Involvement in other world language professional organization</b>	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	
<b>Professional growth and contributions</b>	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	