

PSMLA Outstanding World Language Educator

Purpose of the Award:

This award recognizes PSMLA members whose careers have exemplified excellence in world language teaching and who have made significant contributions to the world language profession. Each year, it may be awarded to one K-12 and one post-secondary educator.

Criteria for Applying:

- Be a current PSMLA member and have maintained membership for the past three years.
- Be a full-time world language Pre-K-12 teacher or post-secondary instructor/professor who spends at least 50% of their teaching duty in direct teaching of languages.
- Have at least ten years of experience in the profession.
- Be able to provide evidence of the following through application materials:
 - Knowledge of subject matter
 - Student impact
 - Contributions to the world language education profession
 - Professional growth
- Not be a voting member of the PSMLA Executive Council.

Application Process:

A candidate may be nominated by a fellow PSMLA member or self-nominate.

Each candidate must submit these items to the PSMLA Awards Committee:

1. Nomination form (attached)
2. Resume or CV of no more than five pages
3. One-page personal statement reflecting the value of one or more of the following: knowledge of subject matter, student impact, contributions to the world language education profession, or professional growth
4. One-page letter of recommendation from a colleague who is a current PSMLA member

All materials must be submitted by email in a single PDF document by the advertised date; please do not submit additional materials. Candidates failing to meet the deadline or requirements will be disqualified. Each candidate's application will be reviewed using the attached rubric.

The selected candidates will be invited to attend the awards luncheon at the annual PSMLA conference, where they will be presented with a plaque. The selected candidates may register for the conference at a reduced rate.

PSMLA Outstanding World Language Educator NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Academic Institution Name: _____

Academic Institution Address: _____

Nominator's or Supporter's Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Academic Institution Name: _____

Academic Institution Address: _____

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Requirements Checklist:

- ☐ Submitted by the deadline
- ☐ Current PSMLA member and has maintained membership for the past three years
- ☐ Full-time world language Pre-K-12 teacher or post-secondary instructor/professor who spends at least 50% of their teaching duty in direct teaching of languages
- ☐ Ten years of experience in the profession
- ☐ Completed nomination form
- ☐ Nominator or supporter is a current PSMLA member
- ☐ Resume or CV of no more than 5 pages
- ☐ One-page personal statement reflecting the value of one or more of the following: knowledge of subject matter, student impact, contributions to the world language education profession, or professional growth
- ☐ One-page letter of recommendation from a colleague who is a current PSMLA member

Description	0	1	2	3	4	Score
Knowledge of subject matter	No evidence	Evidence of 1 example	Evidence of 2 examples	Evidence of 3 examples	Evidence of more than 3 examples	
Student impact	No evidence	Evidence of 1 example	Evidence of 2 examples	Evidence of 3 examples	Evidence of more than 3 examples	
Contributions to the world language education profession	No evidence	Evidence of 1 example	Evidence of 2 examples	Evidence of 3 examples	Evidence of more than 3 examples	
Professional growth	No evidence	Evidence of 1 example	Evidence of 2 examples	Evidence of 3 examples	Evidence of more than 3 examples	
TOTAL SCORE						

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