



kentucky world language association
OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD
2009 Nomination Form (K-8 and High School)

Award Description

The Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize individuals of the world language teaching profession who have demonstrated long-term achievement and service to the profession. Separate awards are offered for K-8, high school and university language educators.

Award Criteria

1. Eligibility (Current KWLA members in good standing with a minimum of three consecutive years of membership and a minimum of ten years' experience as a world language educator. Candidates must be full-time language teachers who spend at least half of their time in direct teaching, and who expect to continue teaching for at least two more years.)
2. A record of excellence in teaching
3. Professional achievements and activities
4. Evidence of continued professional growth
5. Service to the world language teaching profession

Nomination Packet

Nominations can be made by an administrator or a colleague. Submit the following to the KWLA Awards Committee:

1. The Award Nomination Form
2. A letter of endorsement from a professional colleague
3. A letter of endorsement from a supervisor/administrator
4. A letter of endorsement from a current or former student or parent
5. A current Curriculum Vitae of not more than five pages which includes: Educational background; Teaching experience; Recent travel related to teaching; Service to the world language

profession as a whole; Membership in other professional organizations; Workshops given, papers presented, articles published; Awards and honors received

6. A five-hundred word first-person statement on the value of learning language and culture from the nominee
7. The Commitment Form

Award Procedure

1. Deadline for submission of all nomination packets is **Wednesday, August 26, 2009.**
2. All documentation must be complete for the nomination to be valid.
3. Complete nomination packets are to be submitted electronically to sharon.mattingly@barren.kyschools.us.
4. Winners will be notified by Friday, September 4, 2009.
5. Awards will be presented at the 2009 Fall Conference on September 19, 2009 in Lexington, Kentucky.
6. Conference Registration is the responsibility of the individual; however, award recipients will receive two complementary tickets to the Awards Luncheon. Additional luncheon tickets will be available for purchase.
7. The KWLA Awards Committee in consultation with the Executive Board may elect not to present an award for a given year.
8. KWLA may nominate one teacher (K-12) for the regional Teacher of the Year Award. In the event that awards are given at both the K-8 and the High School levels, the KWLA Awards Committee, in consultation with the Executive Board, will designate the regional nominee.

Award Nominee Information

Nominate only one person per form!

Name _____
E-Mail _____
School/Organization _____ Language _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____
Work Phone (_____) - _____ - _____ Home Phone (_____) - _____ - _____
Have you verified that the nominee is a current KWLA member in good standing? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Nominator Information

Name _____
E-Mail _____
School/Organization _____ Language(s) _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____
Are you, the nominator, a current KWLA member in good standing? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Send all forms, letters, and other documents in electronic format to:

Sharon Mattingly, KWLA Awards Committee Chair sharon.mattingly@barren.kyschools.us



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2009/2010 Commitment Form for Candidates

This form should be signed by each candidate for “Outstanding Teacher of the Year” and included in the nomination packet. (A nomination without this form will be considered incomplete.)

If I am selected as the KWLA Outstanding Teacher of the Year I agree to:

- ✓ Attend the KWLA conference this year (2009) and next (2010)
- ✓ Co-present the New Teacher Workshop at 2010 KWLA Fall Conference
- ✓ Serve as a spokesperson for the profession at KWLA events, making presentations, and making personal appearances at advocacy activities (i.e. *Languages & Legislators*)
- ✓ Attend the respective regional conference if selected as the regional nominee and commit to attending the ACTFL Annual Convention if selected as the regional winner

Signature

Date

Print name