Award Intro

Each year, the Pennsylvania Library Association recognizes members from our state who have contributed significantly to the library profession and the betterment of libraries. The Awards Committee chooses award recipients based on nominations from the membership and award criteria. The awards are presented at the Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference or another appropriate venue.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is Friday, July 15 at 5:00 PM.

Awards are based on the previous calendar year's activities. e.g. Submit in 2022 for 2021 actions.

The information you'll need to nominate is:

*Nominee's contact info
*500-1000 words on why you are nominating this person or library
*Nominee's profession and/or biographical info (except for Library of the Year)
  If selected, the nominee's professional and biographical information may be updated/edited for clarity.
*Supporting documentation (Letters of reference, articles in the press, etc.)
*Your contact info

NOTE: Nominators for all awards must be individual Pennsylvania Library Association members. With the exception of the Trustee of the Year, Elected Official, and Library of the Year Awards, nominees must also be individual members of the Association.

While the information below contains descriptions of the award for your reference, you can see full descriptions and past winners here.

Scroll to the bottom of this page and click next to see a description of the awards.
Description of Awards

Distinguished Service Award: This is the highest award the Association gives. It may be awarded annually to one person in recognition of exceptional meritorious statewide service to libraries of the Commonwealth and service to the Pennsylvania Library Association.

Certificate of Merit: These awards may be given to individuals making outstanding contributions to libraries and the Pennsylvania Library Association during the past five years.

New Librarian Honors Award: This award honors a librarian who has been in the profession for fewer than six years. It recognizes the originality and inventive ability of a new librarian who devises new and improved methods in library service on a statewide or local level and who demonstrates promise for continued growth in librarianship.

Trustee of the Year Award: This award is presented to a public library trustee in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to library development at the local, system, district, and/or state level.

Elected Official Award: This award may be given annually to an elected official or officials for exemplary support of library service in Pennsylvania. The award is in recognition of the nominee's demonstration of support for Pennsylvania libraries over the previous year.

Library of the Year Award: This award is presented to an individual library that has exhibited excellence in the following areas with accomplishments over the last 18 months, ending June 30 of the current year:

1. Service to public or academic community
2. Advancing staff development
3. Innovation in a special project, partnership, or challenge overcome
4. Leadership in, and support of Association activities such as the PaLA Academy of Leadership Studies (PALS) or PA Forward.

Scroll to the bottom of this page and click next to start the nomination process.
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Award Nominations Form

Award Categories

* 1. For which award are you nominating?
Note: For each nomination, please complete a new form.

- [ ] Distinguished Service Award
- [ ] Certificate of Merit Award
- [ ] New Librarian Honors Award
- [ ] Trustee of the Year Award
- [ ] Elected Official Award
- [ ] Library of the Year Award
Trustee of the Year Award Questions

With the exception of the Trustee of the Year and Elected Official Awards, nominees must be individual members of the Association.

* 1. Are you, as nominator, a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? *(This will be confirmed)*
   - Yes
   - No

* 2. What is your contact information?
   - Name
   - Email Address
   - Phone Number

* 3. Have you reviewed the *general nomination criteria*?
   - Yes, I have reviewed the criteria.
* 4. Please enter the nominee's contact information

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* 5. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? *(500-1000 words)* Please explain how the nominee's contributions meet the award criteria.

* 6. Please enter the nominee's professional and biographical information; including the number of years the nominee has been in support of libraries, if known. For example, current or most recent employer; professional activities or organizations; any other relevant background information, if known.

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Elected Official Award Questions

With the exception of the Elected Official and Trustee of the Year Awards, nominees must be individual members of the Association.

* 1. Are you, as nominator, a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? *(This will be confirmed)*
   - Yes
   - No

* 2. What is your contact information?

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

* 3. Have you reviewed the general nomination criteria?
   - Yes, I have reviewed the criteria.
* 4. Please enter the nominee's contact information

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New Librarian Honors Award Questions

Both nominee and nominator must be individual members of the Association.

* 1. Are you, as nominator, a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? (This will be confirmed)
   - Yes
   - No

* 2. What is your contact information?
   - Name
   - Email Address
   - Phone Number

* 3. Have you reviewed the general nomination criteria?
   - Yes, I have reviewed the criteria.

* 4. Is the nominee a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? (This will be confirmed)
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unknown
* 5. Please enter the nominee's contact information

Nominee Name

Library/Institution

Address

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address

Phone Number

* 6. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (500-1000 words) Please explain how the nominee's contributions meet the award criteria.

7. What year did the nominee get their master's degree in a library related field?

8. Where did the nominee get their master's degree?

* 9. Please enter the nominee's professional and biographical information; including the number of years the nominee has been in the library profession, if known. For example, current or most recent employer; professional activities or organizations; any other relevant background information, if known.
Certificate of Merit and Distinguished Service Award Questions

Both nominee and nominator must be individual members of the Association.

* 1. Are you, as nominator, a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? (This will be confirmed)
   - Yes
   - No

* 2. What is your contact information?
   - Name:
   - Email Address:
   - Phone Number:

* 3. Have you reviewed the general nomination criteria?
   - Yes, I have reviewed the criteria.

* 4. Is the nominee a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? (This will be confirmed)
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unknown
* 5. Please enter the nominee's contact information

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Library of the Year Award Questions

Organizational membership or the library's support for individual members of the Association will be considered in evaluating the library's level of involvement and professional development on a statewide basis.

* 1. Are you, as nominator, a current individual member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? *(This will be confirmed)*
   - Yes
   - No

* 2. What is your contact information?
   - Name
   - Email Address
   - Phone Number

* 3. Have you reviewed the general nomination criteria?
   - Yes, I have reviewed the criteria.

* 4. Is the nominee a current organizational member of the Pennsylvania Library Association?
   - Yes *(this will be confirmed)*
   - No - but nominee covers the cost of individual membership dues for its staff
   - No
   - Unknown
| * 5. Please enter the nominee's contact information |
| Library/Institution |
| Address |
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* 6. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? *(500-1000 words)* Please explain how the nominee's contributions meet the award criteria.

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Document Submission

1. Do you wish to upload a supporting document?

Choose File  Choose File  No file chosen
To confirm your submission for the PaLA Award Nominations form press DONE below. Winners and their nominators will be notified by the end of August. *Nominees that are not selected will also be notified by the Awards Committee.*

Thank you for submitting your nominee!