

American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Awards [Award2]

The following awards are given each year by AASL. Applications can be obtained from the AASL office (50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611). The deadline is usually Feb. 1 of each year.

Research Grant, AASL/The Highsmith Co., Inc.

An annual grant of \$2,500 (up to \$5,000 may be awarded to two or more researchers for a joint or group project) presented to one or more AASL members who are school library media specialists, library educators, or library information science/education professors to conduct innovative research aimed at measuring and evaluating the impact of school library media programs on learning and education. Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and The Highsmith Co., Inc.

School Librarian's Workshop Award

An annual grant of \$2,500 to provide financial assistance for the professional education of persons who plan to become school library media specialists working at the preschool, elementary, or secondary levels (PS-12) in public or private educational settings. Donated by the Library Learning Resources Company. Administered by the American Association of School Librarians.

Distinguished School Administrators Award, AASL/SIRS

An annual grant of \$2,000 presented to a person directly responsible for the administration of a school or group of schools who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution toward furthering the role of the library and its development in elementary and/or secondary education. Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc.

Distinguished Service Award, AASL/Baker & Taylor

An annual award of \$3,000 presented to the individual who has demonstrated excellence and provided an outstanding national or international contribution to school librarianship and school library media development. Donated by Baker & Taylor.

"Emergency Librarian" Periodical Award

An annual grant of \$500 presented to a school library media association that is an affiliate of AASL in recognition of an outstanding publication in the field of school librarianship. The award celebrates the efforts of AASL affiliates to promote excellence in school library media programs through publications for members. Donated by the publishers of *Emergency Librarian*. Administered by the American Association of School Librarians.

Frances Henne Award

An annual grant of \$1,250 to enable a school library media specialist with five or fewer years in the profession to attend an AASL regional conference or ALA Annual Conference. Sponsored by the R. R. Bowker Company.

Information Plus Continuing Education Award

The Information Plus Continuing Education Scholarship provides financial assistance for the continuing education and professional development of a school library media specialist, supervisor, or educator. The \$500 grant will enable an AASL member to attend an ALA or AASL pre/post conference or an ALA- or AASL-sponsored regional workshop. The Information Plus Continuing Education Scholarship is made possible through a donation from Information Plus, and is administered by the American Association of School Librarians.

Intellectual Freedom Award, AASL/SIRS

An annual award consisting of \$2,000 and an engraved plaque presented to a school library media specialist at any level who has upheld the principles of intellectual freedom. The award also provides a grant of \$1,000 and a framed certificate to a school library media center designated by the recipient. Donated by Social Issues Resources Series, Inc.

Leadership Development Award, ABC/CLIO

Annual grants of up to \$1,750 to enable AASL Affiliate Organizations to plan and implement leadership development programs. Sponsored by ABC/CLIO.

Microcomputer in the Media Center Award,
AASL/Follett Software Company

The Microcomputer in the Media Center Award is designed to recognize and honor school library media specialists who have demonstrated innovative approaches to microcomputer applications in their respective libraries or media centers.

There are two award categories: (1) for the innovative use of the microcomputer in the school library media center in an elementary (K-6) setting; (2) for the innovative use of the microcomputer in the school library media center in a secondary (7-12) setting. Two national winners may be recommended, one in each category. Each recipient librarian will receive a \$1,000 cash award and travel to the award ceremony; and each recipient library will receive a \$500 cash award.

National School Library Media Program of the Year Award,
Follett Library Resources

Cash awards presented annually for outstanding achievement in exemplary school library media programs. Schools or districts representing elementary schools, secondary schools, or a combination of both may apply. Donated by Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. Administered by the American Association of School Librarians.

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