

**WSRA Awards, Grants and Scholarships**  
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<b>Award</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Celebrate Literacy Award - Individual	Council	Local individual who has made significant contributions to literacy.	November 1
Celebrate Literacy Award – Organization	Council	Local organization which has made significant contributions to literacy.	November 1
Community Service Grant	Council	Council for sponsoring a community service project	Anytime
Council Recognition Award	Council	Council for a well established program or activity that promotes the goals of the council	November 1
Exemplary Reading Program	IRA member	Sponsored by IRA to recognize outstanding reading and language arts programs at all levels; winner also recognized at state level by WSRA.	November 1
Friends of Literacy Honor Roll Award	WSRA member or Council	Past or present WSRA member who has served WSRA 10+ years	November 1
Leadership in Literacy Technology Award	WSRA member or Council	An individual who demonstrates leadership in utilizing literacy technology into and beyond the classroom	November 1
Outstanding Administrator Award	Council	Wisconsin administrator who is an advocate of reading – must be licensed as a school administrator and recognized in that role professionally.	November 1
Outstanding Legislator Award	Legislative Committee	Legislator who has advanced literacy in Wisconsin by supporting reading and writing education and directing legislation promoting sound educational policy	November 1
Outstanding Service Award	WSRA member or Council	Active member of WSRA and local council and demonstrates leadership; achievements have had an impact on the growth of WSRA/local council and reading in Wisconsin	November 1
Pat Bricker Award	Self	Individual seeking support for classroom research	November 1
President’s Award	WSRA President	Individual who has made a significant contribution to literacy with state or national impact	November 1
Student Scholarship Award	<b>Council or University Professor</b>	Education student interested in the field of reading	November 1

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**Committee:** Awards and Honors

**Award:** **Outstanding Service Award**

**Purpose:** To honor a WSRA and local council member who has significantly impacted WSRA. Recipient is currently or has served as a local or state officer, on a local or state committee, participates in local and state regional reading conferences and workshops. Recipient demonstrates leadership and is exceptionally generous in the giving of time and talents to WSRA. Recipient's achievements have resulted in a significant impact on the growth of WSRA and the local council.

**Criteria:**

- Gather information about your nominee.
- Complete the nomination form and type a description of your nominee's contributions to WSRA, your council and other councils. This typewritten information should not exceed two pages. Recipient must be a member of WSRA and a local council.
- Include a copy of your nominee's resume, if possible.
- Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.

**Nomination:** One per council

**How many given:** One

**Deadline:** November 1

**Type of recognition:** Plaque for winner

**Date awarded:** Annual Convention

**How purchased:** Awards and Honors Committee

**Source of funds:** 6800 - Special Recognition

**Committee:** Awards and Honors

**Award:** **Outstanding Administrator Award**

**Purpose:** To honor Wisconsin administrators who demonstrate outstanding leadership in the field of reading

**Criteria:**

- Select one (1) administrator in your local council's area to receive this award.
- Gather **three** letters of support representing the following sources: teachers, local council president, immediate supervisor, board member, parent or any other viable source.
  - Letters of support should include the following information: 1) evidence that the administrator is an advocate of reading. 2) statements delineating the administrator's knowledge about the field of reading and that his/her leadership reflects current research and practice. 3) evidence of being an outstanding role model for administrators of reading. 4) a history of service as a role model for other administrators, teachers, students and parents. 5) evidence he/she has encouraged and supported reading in the home, school and community.
- Include a copy of the administrator's resume, if possible.
- Submit your entry, 3 letters of support and the nominee's resume to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.

**Nomination:** One per council

**How many given:** One

**Deadline:** November 1

**Type of recognition:** Plaque for winner and a one year membership in WSRA. Local councils are encouraged to honor their nominees at local meetings. Free registration for WSRA conference the day of the awards reception

**Date awarded:** Annual Convention

**How purchased:** Awards and Honors Committee

**Source of funds:** 6800 - Special Recognition

**Committee:** Awards and Honors

**Award:** **Celebrate Literacy (individual)**

**Purpose:** To honor an individual, for his/her significant contributions to literacy in their local council's community. The individual exemplifies efforts beyond his/her normal duties. The recognition will familiarize the public with literacy activities actually being carried out in communities, and call attention to the work that is being done by the schools and the International Reading Association in the promotion of literacy as a "universal" concern.

**Criteria:**

- Select an individual who exemplifies some of the following characteristics:
  - Instructional leadership at any level, organizing local literacy programs, promoting support from the public, producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programs, carrying out research in fields related to literacy, carrying out special surveys of importance for literacy planning, providing young people the opportunity to help in literacy activities, carrying out informal education activities of a social, cultural, economic, or political nature in which literacy and related literacy activities are included (radio and television programs, publications and press, library programs, and projects for special populations, such as the handicapped and the aged.)
- Complete the nomination form and type a description of your nominee's contributions to WSRA, your council and other councils. This typewritten information should not exceed two pages. Recipient must be a member of WSRA and a local council.
- Submit your completed nomination to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.

**Nomination:** One per council

**How many given:** One

**Deadline:** November 1

**Type of recognition:** Plaque for winner  
Free registration for WSRA conference the day of the awards reception

**Date awarded:** Annual Convention

**How purchased:** Awards and Honors Committee

**Source of funds:** 6800 - Special Recognition

**Committee:** Awards and Honors

**Award:** **Celebrate Literacy (organization)**

**Purpose:** To honor a group for their significant contributions to literacy in the community. The group exemplifies efforts beyond their normal responsibilities. The recognition will familiarize the public with literacy activities actually being carried out in communities, and that call attention to the work that is being done by the schools and the International Reading Association in the promotion of literacy as a "universal" concern.

**Criteria:**

- Select a group who exemplifies some of the following characteristics:
  - Instructional leadership at any level, organizing local literacy programs, promoting support from the public, producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programs, carrying out research in fields related to literacy, carrying out special surveys of importance for literacy planning, providing young people the opportunity to help in literacy activities, carrying out informal education activities of a social, cultural, economic, or political nature in which literacy and related literacy activities are included (radio and television programs, publications and press, library programs, and projects for special populations, such as the handicapped and the aged.)
- Complete the nomination form and type a description of your nominee's contributions to the community, WSRA, your council or other councils. This typewritten information should not exceed two pages.
- Submit your entry to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.

**Nomination:** One per council

**How many given:** One

**Deadline:** November 1

**Type of recognition:** Plaque for winner  
Free registration for WSRA conference the day of the awards reception – up to two people

**Date awarded:** Annual Convention

**How purchased:** Awards and Honors Committee

**Source of funds:** 6800 - Special Recognition

**Committee:** Awards and Honors

**Award:** **Exemplary Reading Program Award**

**Purpose:** To recognize outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels. Its purpose is to call the public's attention to outstanding programs in schools in Wisconsin.

**Criteria:**

- All public, private and parochial elementary and secondary schools are eligible for the award if the school has at least one WSRA and one IRA member.
- The school must apply with its entire reading program not just one segment.
- The fully completed application form must be signed by the chief school officer.
- The winning program should serve as a model for other schools and teachers.
- The school receiving the award cannot apply again within a period of five years.
- The school is not eligible to apply if a current WSRA officer or IRA officer is employed in the school.
- Complete the application form and submit the original entry to the International Reading Association and a copy of the original entry to the WSRA Awards and Honors Committee on or before November 1.
- Submit a copy of your IRA entry to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1. Original entry to IRA by November 15.

**Nomination:** One per council

**How many given:** One

**Deadline:** November 1

**Type of recognition:** Plaque for winner  
Free registration for WSRA conference the day of the awards reception – up to two people.

**Date awarded:** Annual Convention

**How purchased:** Awards and Honors Committee

**Source of funds:** 6800 - Special Recognition

<b>Committee:</b>	Awards and Honors
<b>Award:</b>	<b>Council Recognition</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To honor a local reading council for a well-established program or activity which promotes the goals of the council.
<b>Criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be sponsored by local council, and have been in existence for at least three years.</li> <li>• Submit your entry to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination:</b>	<p>Nomination by local council must be on appropriate form and be accompanied by a description which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A complete description of the program or activity including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rationale, goals, and objectives</li> <li>2. Historical development of the project</li> <li>3. Target audience (grade levels, adults, etc.) and number of individuals served</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Goals for the program or activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evidence of success or impact of the program</li> <li>2. Describe plans for the future of the program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>How many given:</b>	One
<b>Deadline:</b>	November 1
<b>Type of recognition:</b>	Plaque for winner and a check of \$200 for the local council's use
<b>Date awarded:</b>	Annual Convention
<b>How purchased:</b>	Awards and Honors Committee
<b>Source of funds:</b>	6800 - Special Recognition



**Committee:** Awards and Honors

**Award:** **Friend of Literacy Honor Roll**

**Purpose:** To recognize an individual WSRA member who has served the organization for **ten or more** years.

**Criteria:**

- Select an individual who is a current or past member of WSRA and has served with distinction for **ten or more years**.
- The types of activities which may be listed as evidence of service to WSRA include: officer, committee chairperson and or/ member; convention/conference/drive-in workshop presenter; speaker's bureau presenter; innovative projects (within WSRA) to promote reading; WSRA Journal article author; WSRA Journal, Update, Focus or other editorial service; monograph, or other WSRA publication; reading/language arts research submitted to WSRA Research Committee.
- Complete the nomination form. Type a description of your nominee's contributions to WSRA. This typewritten information should not exceed two pages. Please be specific and include dates of service whenever possible. Recipient must be a current or past member of WSRA and a current or past member of a local council.
- Include a copy of your nominee's resume. (not required)
- Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.

**Nomination:** By individual WSRA member or council

**How many given:** One

**Deadline:** November 1

**Type of recognition:** Plaque for winner who also designates a library/media center which will receive a check for \$100 on behalf of the winner.

**Date awarded:** Annual Convention

**How purchased:** Awards and Honors Committee

**Source of funds:** 6800 - Special Recognition

<b>Committee:</b>	Reading and Technology
<b>Award:</b>	<b>Leadership in Literacy Technology Award</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To recognize individuals who demonstrate leadership in utilizing literacy technology into and beyond the classroom.
<b>Criteria:</b>	<p>Nominee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be employed in education</li> <li>• integrate technology into the classroom</li> <li>• share/promote technology beyond the classroom</li> <li>• nominee does not have to be a WSRA member</li> </ul> <p>Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards and Honors Committee by November 1.</p>
<b>Nomination:</b>	By individual WSRA member or Council
<b>How many given:</b>	One
<b>Deadline:</b>	November 1
<b>Type of recognition:</b>	<p>\$100 stipend  One year WSRA membership  Plaque for winner  Free registration for WSRA conference the day of the awards reception</p>
<b>Date awarded:</b>	Annual Convention
<b>How purchased:</b>	Reading and Technology Committee
<b>Source of funds:</b>	6800 - Special Recognition

<b>Committee:</b>	WSRA President
<b>Award:</b>	<b>President's Award</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	This award is designed to provide the President of WSRA sole discretion to recognize an individual whose contributions may be of a unique or extraordinary nature or are of significant value to WSRA
<b>Criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be determined by the President</li> <li>• Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards &amp; Honors Committee by November 1.</li> </ul>
<b>How many given:</b>	One may be given at the option of the President
<b>Deadline:</b>	November 1
<b>Type of recognition:</b>	Plaque for winner Fees paid to Annual Convention (registration, lodging, convention meals)
<b>Date awarded:</b>	Annual Convention
<b>How purchased:</b>	Awards and Honors Committee
<b>Source of funds:</b>	6800 - Special Recognition

<b>Committee:</b>	Pre-service Teachers
<b>Award:</b>	<b>Student Scholarship Awards</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To offer scholarships to education students interested in the field of reading and thereby promoting interest in WSRA through their attendance at the Annual Convention.
<b>Criteria:</b>	<p>Student participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an undergraduate education student at the time of application</li> <li>• express a need for the scholarship</li> <li>• demonstrate an interest in reading and involvement in promoting reading</li> <li>• agree in advance to share a portion of the knowledge gained with the sponsor or sponsoring organization</li> <li>• Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards &amp; Honors Committee by November 1.</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination:</b>	Candidate secures a letter of nomination from a local council member, zone coordinator, or university reading/language arts instructor documenting involvement or commitment to reading education and sends to committee.
<b>How many given:</b>	One per zone (up to five total)
<b>Deadline:</b>	November 1
<b>Type of recognition:</b>	Plaque for winner Certificate and fees paid to Annual Convention (registration, lodging, convention meals)
<b>Date awarded:</b>	Annual Convention
<b>How purchased:</b>	Committee purchases certificates
<b>Source of funds:</b>	6800 - Special Recognition

<b>Committee:</b>	Research Committee
<b>Award:</b>	<b>Pat Bricker Award</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To promote action research in the area of reading
<b>Criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity of statement of purpose or research question,</li> <li>• Adequacy of references used in developing the question</li> <li>• Adequacy, appropriateness, and thesis of the methodology proposed</li> <li>• Feasibility of the project</li> <li>• Universality of the relation and application of results</li> <li>• Quality of the proposal as a communication (well written)</li> <li>• Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards &amp; Honors Committee by November 1.</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination:</b>	Self nomination, at least one member of a research team must belong to WSRA
<b>How many given:</b>	Up to 12 per year
<b>Deadline:</b>	November 1
<b>Type of recognition:</b>	Plaque for winner and a cash award to defray the cost of research. Winner must agree to publish results
<b>Date awarded:</b>	Annual Convention
<b>How purchased:</b>	Research Committee
<b>Source of funds:</b>	6800 Special Recognition

<b>Committee:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Award:</b>	<b>Outstanding Legislator Award</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To promote literacy by recognizing the major contributions of legislators who have advanced literacy in the state of Wisconsin by supporting reading and writing education and by directing legislation promoting sound educational policy.
<b>Criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislators will be identified by the committee, who may receive suggestions from any WSRA member. The criteria will be that the contribution must be significant and direct.</li> <li>Submit your entry and nominee's resume to the Awards &amp; Honors Committee by November 1.</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination:</b>	Nomination made by the Legislative Committee with the concurrence of the Executive Committee.
<b>How many given:</b>	As determined by the Executive Committee
<b>Deadline:</b>	November 1
<b>Type of recognition:</b>	Plaque for winner Free registration for WSRA conference the day of the awards reception
<b>Date awarded:</b>	Annual Convention
<b>How purchased:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Source of funds:</b>	6800 Special Recognition