

SLANZA AWARD OF MERIT FOR INFORMATION LITERACY

The recipient of a SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy must have demonstrated success in implementing and maintaining an outstanding information literacy programme for students which incorporates all aspects of the following definition:

“To be information literate, a person must be able to recognise when information is needed and to have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information. Information literate people are those who have learned how to learn.”

American Library Association, 1989.page 1

Eligibility

The SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy may be awarded to more than one member in any given year and may be awarded more than once to the same member for different achievements.

The SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy is available to all current members of at least two consecutive years standing.

Purpose

To recognise members who have implemented a successful on-going information literacy programme within their schools.

Criteria

The applicant/nominee must explicitly demonstrate excellence in information literacy by:

1. describing the promotion of a school-wide information literacy model; and
2. describing the implementation and application of a successful information literacy programme with
 - a. all junior school students, or
 - b. all senior school students, or
 - c. whole school;
3. providing evidence of the impact on the information literacy skills of junior and/or senior students; and
4. describing how they have shared their school's approach to information literacy with the wider school community.

Requirements

The achievement for which the award is to be made must have taken place within the previous three years.

Nomination for this Award must be accompanied by written support from a referee who is recognised in the field of Information Literacy.

Process

The nominee's/applicant's suitability will be assessed by the SLANZA Awards Committee in terms of the above criteria, on the basis of:

- 1 a A nomination, on the official form, made by two members of SLANZA or by a group or committee of SLANZA, or
- b An application by a member, on the official form.
- 2 Supporting evidence, supplied by the nominator/applicant.
- 3 Written referees' reports from at least two persons one of whom must be a person recognized in the field of information literacy, but not including current members of the SLANZA Awards Committee.
- 4 Supporting statements from a variety of people (not necessarily SLANZA members) are encouraged as they provide the Award's Committee with useful additional information.
- 5 Nominations do not need to be confidential.
- 6 The SLANZA Awards Committee may seek further information if required to reach a decision.
- 7 The closing date for nominations/applications is **31 October**.
- 8 A copy of the application and nomination forms follow.
- 9 Successful recipients will be presented with a Certificate at the SLANZA conference or at a Branch function.
- 10 No fee is required.

APPLICATION FORM

SLANZA AWARD OF MERIT FOR INFORMATION LITERACY

Secretary
SLANZA
PO Box 36-511
Merivale
CHRISTCHURCH

I wish to apply for the SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy.

Full Names:

Address:

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Phone: Fax: Email:

School postal address:

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Principal's name:

Period of SLANZA membership:

Names and contact details of two persons to whom reference may be made:

First Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Second Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Note applications close on 31 October

Please attach a statement in support of terms of the criteria for the award, with supporting evidence of your relevant achievement. Please refer to the purpose and criteria for the SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy when writing your supporting statement.

Signature: Date:

NOMINATION FORM

SLANZA AWARD OF MERIT FOR INFORMATION LITERACY

Secretary
SLANZA
PO Box 36-511
Merivale
CHRISTCHURCH

We, the undersigned being members of the School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa hereby nominate

Full name:

Address:

Email:

School postal address:

Principal's name:

for the award of SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy.

Nominators Details:

First Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Signature: Date:

Second Name

Address:

Phone: Email.....

Signature: Date:

Note: nominations close on 31 October

The following statement is supplied in support of the nomination. (The statement should outline clearly the grounds for proposing the nomination in terms of the criteria for the award, with supporting evidence of the nominees achievements. Please refer to the purpose and criteria for the SLANZA Award of Merit Information Literacy when writing your supporting statement).