



# School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura

## **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 people, at least one of whom must be a current member of the Association or by a group or committee of the Association, 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.

Nominations do not need to be confidential.

The SLANZA Awards Committee may seek further information if required to reach a decision.

The closing date for nominations/applications is Friday 14 August 2015

A copy of the application and nomination forms follow.

Successful recipients will be presented with a Certificate at the SLANZA AGM or at a Branch function.

No fee is required.



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## APPLICATION FORM

### SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy

SLANZA  
Administration Officer  
PO Box 27321  
Marion Square  
Wellington 6141

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

Full name

Address

Email

Phone

Fax

School postal address

Principal's name (if relevant)

Period of SLANZA membership

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

1. Name

Address

Phone

Email

2. Name

Address

Phone

Email

Note: nominations close on Friday August 14 2015

Please attach a statement in support of your application. The statement should outline clearly the basis of your application in terms of the criteria for the award.

Signature

Date



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## NOMINATION FORM

### SLANZA Award of Merit for Information Literacy

SLANZA  
Administration Officer  
PO Box 27321  
Marion Square  
Wellington 6141

We, the undersigned hereby nominate

Full name

Address

Email

Phone

Fax

School postal address

Principal's name (if relevant)

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

**Nominators** (at least one of whom must be a current SLANZA member)

1. Name

Address

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

2. Name

Address

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

Note: nominations close on Friday August 14 2015

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 nominee's achievements.*