

Georgia School Library Media Specialist of the Year
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Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, Inc.
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Association for Education Communications and Technology
(AECT)

Georgia Library Media Association, Inc. and Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, Inc. co-sponsor the Georgia School Library Media Specialist of the Year Award to recognize K-12 library media specialists whose services have resulted in exemplary library media programs.

Nominees must:

- ◆ be currently assigned to a building level library media center, and
- ◆ have three or more years of experience as a library media specialist, and
- ◆ be a member of one of the sponsoring organizations

Any member of the LM SOTY Committee who is nominated for the award must resign from the committee but not from the Board of Directors. Any member(s) of the governing board who is/are nominated for the award shall abstain from voting on matters related to the award during their term of office. Therefore, current members of the GLMA & GAIT Board of Directors are eligible for the award.

Administrators, teachers, or other library media specialists may submit nominations for System Level Library Media Specialist of the Year to the System Library Media Committee. The System Library Media Committee will review the nominations and select a Library Media Specialist of the Year to recognize and honor at the system level and will also handle local recognition in the news media. System level selection should be completed and sent to the GLMA district chair for nomination from the system by March 5, 2004. Applications will be reviewed by the GLMA District Chair and appointed committee. Each District will select one nominee to receive the honor of District Media Specialist of the Year (DSMOY). The District Chair will forward the DSMOY application package to the GLMA/GAIT Awards committee by April 15, 2004. The district winner should be aware that his/her name would be submitted for statewide recognition.

The GLMA/GAIT State awards committee will choose the Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year from the nominations submitted by the districts. This state winner will be announced at the 2004 COMO conference at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia in October, 2004. All district winners, as well as the state winner, along with their enablers, will be recognized and presented awards at the COMO general session. Each DSMOY should plan to be at the COMO conference where awards are given and the state winner is announced.

The Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year Award recipient is eligible for the national award sponsored by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), by Media Flex, Inc., and the Division of Educational Media Management (DEMM) and the Division of School Media Specialist (DSMS). The joint GLMA/GAIT Georgia Media Specialist of the Year Committee must submit all application materials for the national competition to AECT by July 1, 2005. The national award recipients are honored at the AECT National Convention.

“Enablers”

Because exemplary school library media programs do not exist in isolation, but are the heart of the instructional program, there is an individual who, more than anyone else, enables the library media specialist to provide the exemplary program. Therefore, GLMA, Inc., and GAIT, Inc. will also honor “enablers” chosen by the award recipients at the district and state levels at the COMO conference.

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Application Form

Award Guidelines

The entire application may not exceed six (6) pages, double-spaced, and must consist of:

- ◆ A written narrative not to exceed three (3) double-spaced pages including:
 - The individual’s philosophy of information technology utilization in K-12 schools
 - A description of the individual’s personal leadership in using technology to expand access to and uses of information and ideas by students, teachers, and the community
 - A description of the innovative techniques used to provide media services in any of the following areas:
 - ❖ Collaborative planning
 - ❖ Productive use of media resources
 - ❖ Sharing ideas with others
 - A one page biographical sheet (Vita or resume)
 - A letter of recommendation from a parent, student, teacher, principal, superintendent, or other supervising personnel

For the state winner only, AECT requires a one-page written document stating why the association chose this person as the state award recipient. The chair of the Georgia Media Specialist of the Year Committee will write this one-page document.

Please provide the name, position, address, and telephone number of the person who has been most professionally influential in enabling you to establish an exemplary library media program. Write a brief rationale (one to three sentences only.)

Each district recipient’s (DSMOY) application for state consideration must include six visuals, either transparencies, 2 x 2 slides, or prints, and a five to ten minute videotape in VHS format. The visuals and videotape should be examples of the library media program in a school curriculum. Judging of these items will focus on content rather than on professional production.

Do not include materials not requested in the criteria above. Additional materials, which are not requested, will not be accepted for consideration.

Judging Criteria

The School Library Media Specialist of the Year Award is for individual excellence in the library media field through service to students, teachers, and community at the K-12 levels. Factors to be considered are:

- ◆ Evidence of personal leadership in fulfilling the roles of teacher, information specialist, and instruction consultant as defined in *Information Power: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*;
- ◆ Evidence of professional involvement in the library media field; and
- ◆ Evidence of providing a quality library media program to K-12 students and teachers

by implementing the individual's personal philosophy of information technology utilization.

Prizes for Recipients

System Level Recipients

- ◆ Up to the local system

District Level Recipients

- ◆ \$50.00
- ◆ A plaque
- ◆ A certificate for the enabler
(Presented by the state organizations at COMO; other recognition may be provided at the district level when the award is announced at district meetings.)

State Level Recipients

- ◆ \$200.00
- ◆ A plaque
- ◆ One-year membership in GAIT, Inc., and GLMA, Inc.
- ◆ A plaque for the enabler

National Award Winner

- ◆ \$500.00
- ◆ Personal plaque
- ◆ Employer plaque
- ◆ Travel and registration allowance to attend the AECT conference to accept the award

All application materials for the 2004 winner of the Georgia School Library Media Specialist of the Year award will be submitted to the AECT national contest from the State Selection Committee by July 15, 2005. The committee and the nominee will work during the intervening months (from COMO, October 2004 to July 2005) to prepare these application materials.

Each System Library Media Committee should mail one complete application package to the GLMA District Contact Persons listed on the GLMA Website. <http://www.glma-inc.org>

At the District level, after receiving all nominations by the deadline, March 5, 2004, the district chair or designee will chair a committee to consider the nominees for the district. The committee is encouraged to make nominations from within the district, especially if there are few nominees. They should request that the nominee prepare an application. The announcement of this district Media Specialist of the Year may be made at a district spring meeting. The district chair or his/her delegate should see that area newspapers are notified of the selection of this person. The district winner should be made aware that his/her name would be submitted for statewide recognition. This district winner should plan to be at the COMO conference where district recognition and awards are given and where the state winner will be announced.

GLMA District Contacts will mail the completed DMSOY application package to:

The 2004 GLMA LMSOTY Chair Person listed on the GLMA Website. <http://www.glma-inc.org>