

Gale/LIBRARY MEDIA CONNECTION

TEAMS Award

Teachers And Media Specialists Influencing Student Achievement

The **Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award** recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning, increase student achievement and develop 21st century skills.

Three winners will receive: **\$2,500 (U.S.) cash award; Gale products (approximate value \$500); a one-year subscription to Library Media Connection; and a choice of professional publications from Linworth Books (approximate value \$800).** Winners will also be featured in a Library Media Connection article.

A panel comprised of education industry professionals and Gale staff will evaluate the nominations based on:

- Demonstrated collaboration between media specialists and teachers during 2009-2010 or 2010-2011 school years
- Effective techniques that positively impact student learning and achievement (based on state and national standards)
- Support received from school leadership
- Ability for others to replicate this best practice

Awards will be presented at a reception during the American Association of School Librarians conference in 2011.

Eligibility

All K-12 public and private schools in the United States and Canada are eligible.

Examples of the efforts that have been recognized:

- Fostering second-graders' interest in science (Windsor Elementary School, 2008 winner)
- Creating a culinary-specific reading program for vocational students (Eastside High School, 2008 winner)
- Working with agencies and societies to teach history (Helena Middle School, 2006 winner)
- Utilizing libraries to explore world cultures (Bowling Green High School, 2006 winner)

Submission Requirements

The nomination may be submitted by a library media specialist(s), teacher(s), principal(s), student(s) or parent(s) at www.galeschools.com/TEAMS

All nominations must be postmarked by June 15, 2011.

There is no entry fee. However, each nomination must include six (6) packets containing copies of:

- Completed submission form with appropriate attachments
- One-page letter of recommendation, on school letterhead, from your school's principal or assistant principal
- Signed release form (at www.galeschools.com/TEAMS)
- Photograph of the collaborating media specialist/teaching team

The TEAMS Award competition occurs every two years. The next award will be presented at the 2011 AASL Conference.

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SUBMISSION FORM

Name of School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Names of nominees and their titles: _____

Phone numbers for each: _____

E-mail addresses for each: _____

Please check type of school:

Single public school Private or independent school Other, please describe _____

Indicate grade levels served: _____ Enrollment: _____

How many people does the school library serve: _____ Average Class Size: _____

What is your school library's total annual materials budget? _____

Signatures (Each applicant must sign and date the form): _____

Please provide the following information

- Explain in detail the collaborative endeavor for school years 2009-2010 or 2010-2011: the problem or need addressed, the strategies and goals, and how the nominees were able to meet objectives. Include information on the project's timeframe, partnerships, funding sources and budget, if applicable, to achieve those goals and objectives. *(500-word limit)*
- Explain how the nominees were able to obtain buy-in from the principal or other decision-makers *(150-word limit)*
- Detail the long-term strategy for success and how the nominees plan to sustain this collaboration or expand it to other students, classes, grades or subjects during the next school year *(500-word limit)*
- Explain how the impact of the program was measured, using statistics, benchmarks and/or anecdotal information. *(500-word limit)*

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Submission package must include six (6) printed copies of each of the following:

- Completed submission form and application attachments
- One-page letter of recommendation, on school letterhead, from your principal or assistant principal
- Signed release form, found at www.galeschools.com/TEAMS
- Photo of the collaborating media specialist/teaching team (300 dpi minimum).

Mail six entry packets and e-mail one version of entry form by June 15, 2011

Print submission

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