



VSLA OFIE T. RUBIN LITERACY TEACHER OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Description/Overview:

- Award recognizes a teacher (teaching literacy 1/3 of each school day) in K-12 whose commitment to literacy is exemplary/unparalleled.
- Each local chapter may nominate one teacher for this award.
- The Ofie T. Rubin Literacy Teacher of the Year Committee will review all candidate applications using a scoring rubric to determine the recipient.
- All candidates may be asked to participate in an informal round table discussion session, to be scheduled during the VSLA conference.
- All candidates will be recognized during the VSLA Conference.
- The candidate selected as the Ofie T. Rubin Literacy Teacher of the Year will receive a \$1000 Professional Development Award at the conference. This award is made to the individual and is considered taxable income.

Eligibility/Instructions:

The candidate

- must be a member of the VSLA and a local chapter for at least one year prior to submitting the application
- must teach literacy a minimum of one-third of each school day to students in grades K-12
- must include verification form by their local chapter president

Required Items-SUBMIT IN THIS ORDER TO:

1. Verification form completed by the local chapter president
2. Candidate's vitae (2 pages / 30 points) include:
 - educational background / professional experience (last 5 years) (4 points)
 - professional affiliations, achievements, education/community involvement (26 points)
3. Two letters of recommendation
 - Principal / Supervisor letters must be on letterhead (5 points)
 - Colleague/parent (5 points) LETTERS MUST HAVE SIGNATURES
4. The candidate's literacy philosophy- (1 page / 25 points)
5. Candidate's proposal for using the \$1000.00 Ofie T. Rubin Literacy Teacher of the Year Award-(1 page/35 points)
6. A digital photo (jpg file) of the candidate with name, address, and local chapter (2 points)

ANY OMITTED ITEM WILL FORFEIT APPLICATION

Application Due: January 10

Name of Recipient and Rubric to Awards Chair: February 1

Notification of All Applicants: February 6

Presentation of Award: VSLA Annual Conference

Send your application form via Word Document, PDF, or scanned document to VSLA Ofie T. Rubin Literacy Teacher of the Year Chair:

Name: Susan Thacker-Gwaltney

Email Address: susantg@virginia.edu

Ofie T. Rubin Literacy Teacher of the Year Award Local Chapter Membership Verification

I verify that our candidate _____ has been a member of _____ for one year prior to this school year. (Local Chapter)

Candidate Name:

Home

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Position: _____

Local Chapter President's Signature _____

Local Chapter President's Printed Name _____

Local Chapter President's Contact Phone Number _____

Local Chapter President's Email _____

- All nominees will be recognized at the VSLA Annual Conference

OFIE T. RUBIN LITERACY TEACHER OF THE YEAR RUBRIC

All applications are scored in a blind format (any identifying information is deleted)

CANDIDATE NUMBER _____

Each candidate is rated in the areas designated below. Each area is allowed a maximum point value. Each candidate is assigned the points appropriate based on the information received. The total number of points a candidate may receive is 102.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>MAX. POINTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Professional Education	4	_____
MA	1 point	
MA + Post Grad Work	2 points	
MA +NBCT	3 points	
Doctorate	4 points	
 Professional (VITA)	 26	 _____
Affiliations/Achievement/Involvement		
1-3 Professional organizations	3 points	
4+ Professional organizations	3 points	
Community Involvement	3 points	
Presenting/ Facilitating / Creating Program	7 points	
Publications	4 points	
Grants	2 points	
Awards	4 points	
 Personal Qualities Ref #1 Principal /Supervisor	 5	 _____
Instructional Qualities (<u>on letter head stationary</u>)		
 Personal Qualities Ref #2 Colleague / Parent	 5	 _____
Instructional Qualities		
 Literacy Philosophy	 25	 _____
<u>Topics to consider in no more than one page:</u>		
• What impact has literacy had on your personal /professional life? • When your students leave you, what is your wish for them when it comes to literacy? • How do you promote lifelong learning and literacy for your students?		
 Rubin Cash Award Proposal	 35	 _____
Personal Centered		
School/ Staff/ Student Centered		
Community Parent Centered		
• Creativity • Need • Outreach • Promoting lifelong readers • Sustainability	7 points 7 points 7 points 7 points 7 points	
 Digital Photo (jpg file)	 2	 _____

**TOTAL
COMMENTS:**

102
