



James D. Mullins Leadership Award Guidelines and Application Form

Description/Overview:

The Virginia State Literacy Association James D. Mullins Leadership award (\$150) was established in 1994 to recognize administrators who show exceptional support of literacy. The nominee is a strong advocate for literacy, teachers and children; has a vision for a school or school system; **consistently** makes decisions based on a **research based** belief system, is creative in finding resources to support literacy programs, and is a strong supporter of literacy and/or VSLA or other literacy-oriented organizations or groups.

Eligibility:

The candidate must be a member in good standing of VSLA as well as a VSLA member for at least one year prior to selection. Candidates should be administrators at least three years and consistent in their support of literacy during that time.

Instructions/ Requirements:

- 1) Application form with Nominator's name and verification by local chapter president
- 2) The candidate's vitae
- 3) Three letters of recommendation from three different perspectives, one of which must be that of a local chapter member (i.e. teacher, coworker, parent, community member, administrator's supervisor).

Timeline

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 Administrators and Literacy Chair:**

Name: Heather Roberts

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James D. Mullins Leadership Award Application

Year:

Name of Applicant:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Present Position/Title:

School Division:

Business Address:

City, State, Zip:

E-mail Address:

Verification:

I verify that the above-named nominee is a member of the _____

(Name of Local Chapter)

The nominee will be able to attend the VSLA Conference _____ in _____

(Date)

(Place)

Local Chapter President's Signature

Local Chapter President's Printed
Name

Attachments in this order: (All components should be typed in at least a 12-font size and sent electronically)

1) Candidate's Vitae

Include: Educational
background
Professional
experience
Professional
affiliations
Specific contributions to Literacy

2) Three letters of support (one letter must be that of a local chapter member)

Please note: Packets containing notebooks, more than three letters of support, or any material other than that requested will not be considered.

James D. Mullins Leadership Award Rubric

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

Section 1

Criteria	1 Provided Insufficient or Nonexistent Evidence	2 Provided Limited Evidence	3 Provided Moderate Evidence	4 Provided Strong Evidence	5 Provided Very Strong Evidence	Total
The nominee is a strong advocate for literacy, teachers and children						
The nominee has a vision for a school and a school system						
The nominee consistently makes decisions based on a research-based belief system.						
The nominee is creative in finding resources to support literacy programs.						
The nominee is a strong supporter of literacy and/or VSLA or other literacy-oriented organizations or groups.						
Total Points						/25

Section 2

1. Candidate's vitae completed with the four components_15 points
2. Three letters of support completed as according to the instructions_____10 points

Possible Points from Section 2__25 points

Total possible points from Section 1 and Section 2_____50 points