

# JOHN G. WRIGHT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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## INTRODUCTION

The Saskatchewan School Library Association, a Special Subject Council of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, recognizes individuals who throughout their careers have made outstanding contributions to school library service in Saskatchewan.

## PURPOSE

The Saskatchewan School Library Association has the following purposes in presenting this award:

1. To honour those individuals who have made outstanding and worthy contributions to school librarianship in Saskatchewan.
2. To recognize the responsible and influential role that individuals may perform in developing school and division libraries.
3. To recognize the contribution and sustained effort of those individuals who have worked toward making the association an effective agency for the promotion of sound school library development and practice.
4. To stimulate support and interest in the planning, implementation and maintenance of library services at all levels.

## ELIGIBILITY

This award of recognition is open to current members of the Association, former members and those who possess a demonstrated empathy in the purpose outlined above.

## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations for this award shall be made using the nomination form prepared for this purpose by the executive of the Saskatchewan School Library Association.

2. Nominations should include:
  - a) Biographical data.
  - b) A statement of the nominee's outstanding and sustained contribution toward furthering the role of the library and its development in education.
3. The awards committee may request additional information from the nominator.
4. Nominations as submitted shall become the property of the SSLA.

## CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

In judging the nominees, the awards committee will look for evidence which specifically fulfills the purpose as outlined above. In particular, the nomination must reveal that the nominee has:

1. Provided leadership in formulating, instituting, and implementing school library policies and practices which have resulted in the improvement of teaching and learning.
2. Effectively interpreted school library services to students, teachers and/or the community.
3. Provided outstanding contributions to school library development at the provincial level.

## PRESENTATION

1. The award may be made to one of the nominees unless no worthy candidate is identified, in which case the committee may decide that no award shall be made for that year.
2. The award shall be presented at the SSLA Annual Conference or the AGM.

## NATURE OF THE AWARD

The John G. Wright Distinguished Service Award will be a suitably inscribed award as well as a Honorary Life Membership in the Association.

## DEADLINE

The deadline for nominations is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The selection of the recipient will be made by the SSLA executive prior to the annual SSLA conference and announced during the annual SSLA AGM.