

International Reading Association
The Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Award

Guidelines

2008

The International Reading Association will honor an outstanding regular classroom elementary teacher of reading and language arts in grades K-6 (ages 5-12) dedicated to improving teaching and learning through *reflective writing* about his or her teaching and learning process. All applicants must be IRA members. The US\$1,000 award is supported by a grant from Regie Routman.

Directions

Please submit a packet including ten copies of each of the following: the application form, letter of introduction and four-part narrative. The narrative should highlight your reflective growth in teaching and learning in each of the four criteria listed below in #3 and be accompanied by a selection of 3–5, dated journal or writing excerpts. The purpose of each submission should be to demonstrate an ongoing, reflective approach to your teaching development. Each packet has a 30 page limit. No other materials will be considered (i.e. videos, lesson plans, articles, book chapters or books). Your submission materials should include:

1. Completed application form.
2. A 1–2 page cover letter describing your background, how you came to writing as a learning tool and your present teaching assignment.
3. A 1–2 page reflection describing how your journal entries address the following criteria along with 3–5 excerpts of your dated journal entries as evidence of your growth or learning for each of the following criteria (30 page maximum for submission packet):
 - a. teacher's personal voice
 - b. dedication to teaching and learning
 - c. writing you have done to improve your teaching and learning
 - d. teacher's growth and change as a teacher
4. Ten (10 copies) of your submission packet must be submitted to the chair to arrive by November 1, 2007 or postmarked October 28. Single copies will not be considered.
5. All applicants will be notified by March 1st and the award recipient is expected to attend the IRA Annual Convention and share a highlight of this award during the session sponsored by the Awards Committee. All expenses for attending the Convention will be borne by the winner.

Mail to:

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Application Form

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of school where you teach: _____

Address of school: _____

I am currently an elementary reading/language arts teacher? Yes ___ No ___

Grade you taught when keeping your journal/writing log: _____

Grade you currently are teaching: _____

IRA Membership Number: _____ (To join IRA, contact: Membership Services Department, IRA, PO Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139, USA, or call 1-800-336-READ or 1-302-731-1600 outside U.S. and Canada.)

I give my permission for the information submitted to be reviewed by the selection committee.

Signature

Date

Application Requirements Checklist

Please make sure you have completed all of the following requirements and included them in your application packet.

_____ Application Form

_____ Cover letter described in #2

_____ Packet including written reflections and dates excerpts from journal supporting reflection
(30 pages maximum)

_____ 10 copies of complete application packet mailed to chair to be received by November 1, 2007