



2020 AWARD CRITERIA

The Light of Literacy Awards recognize the work of individuals, groups and businesses in promoting and supporting the power of literacy through acts of extraordinary kindness, courage, selflessness or education in our community.

Literacy is defined as the ability to take in information and use it productively to improve one's situation, make wise decisions, to create new opportunities, or to be of benefit to the greater community. It includes traditional literacy (reading and writing) as well as 'life skill' literacies (computer literacy, financial literacy, health literacy, information literacy) and cultivation of family or generational literacy.

For your nomination, please provide specific examples that demonstrate how your nominee has impacted our community in any or all of the following ways:

- Changed another's life through the power of literacy
- Created works that are representative of a desire to promote learning and knowledge through the power of literacy
- Created innovative educational programs promoting literacy
- Motivated groups to support the cause of literacy
- Demonstrated dedication to excellence in a cause benefiting education and learning
- Developed a program or another literacy service that benefits the community
- Participated in an action of extraordinary kindness, courage or selflessness within our community

2020 AWARD RECOGNITION CATEGORIES

STUDENT AWARD (AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN FORMAL INSTRUCTION AND NOT MORE THAN 22 YEARS OLD)
An individual or group whose actions demonstrate leadership and a commitment to community. Examples include reading to young students, tutoring, working with struggling students, working to provide books, computers or other education tools to disadvantaged students, or similar community-minded, literacy-based activities.

ADULT AWARD (AN INDIVIDUAL OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE)
An individual whose actions demonstrate leadership and a passion for literacy in our community. Examples include instructing new readers, working with struggling students, working to provide books, computers or other education tools to disadvantaged individuals, providing free financial, computer or health literacy, writing new books or similar community-minded, literacy-based activities.

EDUCATOR (AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKS IN THE EDUCATION PROFESSION WITH STUDENTS FROM BIRTH THROUGH THE 12TH GRADE)
An individual whose actions demonstrate a passion for literacy in education. Examples include innovated ways to engage new readers, working with struggling students, working to provide books, computers or other education tools to disadvantaged students and their families, working with new literacies (financial, computer, family-based or health literacy) and similar community-minded, literacy-based activities.

ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES →

HIGHER EDUCATION (AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKS, OR TEACHES FORMAL, POST-HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION)

An individual whose actions demonstrate a passion for literacy in post-high school education or training. Examples include innovated ways to engage struggling readers, working to provide books, computers or other education tools to disadvantaged students, working with new literacies (financial, computer, family-based or health literacy), providing economic-based literacy services (job searches, resume writing) and similar community-minded activities

ORGANIZATION AWARD (PROFIT OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION)

Presented to a local business or organization in recognition of that company's efforts to improve the literacy of our community. Examples include support of literacy focused programs or initiatives (reading, computer, financial, health or economic literacies), providing time for employees to engage the community in support of these literacies, or providing financial support for organizations in our community who make literacies more accessible.

Due to the particular impact on the overall well-being of members in our community, each year, the Light of Literacy Awards includes an additional theme-specific award recognition category.

ARTS LITERACY

Presented to an individual or organization whose actions demonstrate dedication to providing and promoting effective arts education in any of its forms: visual or performing arts including drama, music, dance. Examples include creating innovative arts programs that address real world challenges and explore solutions, demonstrate and assess the benefits of arts literacy, integrate arts literacy into core curriculum, make arts accessible, and/or unite communities and bridge cultural division.

PAST LIGHT OF LITERACY AWARD WINNERS

Starbucks • Dollar General of Salisbury • Joanne Doyle • Judy Burns • Larry Points • PLB Comics

Salisbury Jaycees • United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore's Imagination Library • Dr. Joyce Wiencek • PAC 14

Linda Truitt • Neil Jen • "Athletes as Readers and Leaders" program at Parkside High School

"Got Literacy?" program at James M. Bennett High School • Teresa McCain • Beverly Horner

Kara Dahl Russell • Salt Water Media • Tara A. Elliott • Salisbury University - Eastern Correctional Institution

Book Discussion Group • Salisbury Sunrise Rotary Club • Samantha Wiersberg • Jane Reagan

Vantage Point Solutions Group • Dariana Ortiz • Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore • Wanda Dawson

Pat Layton • Linda Prochaska • Katie Kirby • Kid's Café – Salisbury Urban Ministries • Dr. Patty Dean

Rehman Liaqat • Wynnette Curtis • Joan Cooper • Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services

The Lower Shore Health Literacy Initiative • Brice Stump • University of Maryland Extension • MAC, Inc. • Dr. Anjali

Pandey • Eleanor Brown • Susan Canfora • Amber & Kelly Dorman • M4Reactor • Mary Gladys Jones

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Literacy AWARDS

RECOGNIZING LITERACY
LUMINARIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

APRIL 7TH, 2020 8 -10 A.M. | WICOMICO YOUTH & CIVIC CENTER | SALISBURY, MD | LIGHTOFLITERACY.ORG

2020 NOMINEE FORM

The Light of Literacy Awards recognizes those “Luminaries” whose actions demonstrate a deep understanding of the transformational power of literacy in the lives of those in our community. Nominee submissions can be mailed to Friends Awards, c/o Wicomico Public Libraries 122 S. Division St., Salisbury, MD 21801 or emailed to Friends@wicomico.org or submitted online at www.lightofliteracy.org.

Nominations close on 2/21/2020 at 5 pm.

“LUMINARY” INFORMATION

Name _____ Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City | State | Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

AWARD CATEGORY

STUDENT ADULT EDUCATOR

HIGHER EDUCATION ORGANIZATION ARTS LITERACY

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Your Name _____ Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City | State | Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Relationship to nominee _____

NOMINATION: ON A SEPARATE PAPER, TELL US HOW YOUR NOMINEE IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE AWARD DESCRIPTION. BE SURE TO GIVE *SPECIFIC EXAMPLES* OF THE IMPACT THEY HAVE MADE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS FOR A SINGLE NOMINEE ARE ENCOURAGED AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR A NOMINEE CAN BE SUBMITTED WITH THE NOMINATION.

WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME THE NOMINEE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ACTIVITY/PROJECT DESCRIBED & WHAT WAS THE IMPACT ON AN INDIVIDUAL, AN ORGANIZATION OR IN THE COMMUNITY?
