



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NYSABE PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Over the years, the New York State Association for Bilingual Education (NYSABE) has honored individuals for their outstanding dedication, contributions, and commitment to bilingual education. Please accept this **Call for Nominations** as an invitation to acknowledge your colleagues' excellent work at our upcoming annual conference.

By completing your nominations, you are participating in NYSABE's initiative to raise awareness of bilingual education in New York State. The awards to be presented this year include:

- THE GLADYS CORREA MEMORIAL AWARD
- THE DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD
- THE BILINGUAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD
- THE DR. XIMENA ZATE BILINGUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- THE BILINGUAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
- THE BILINGUAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL AWARD
- THE BILINGUAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please review the eligibility criteria and nomination packet requirements for each award.

Nominations must be submitted electronically by using the following Link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/VrQs0Ma38i>

For questions, you may email us at Awards@NYSABE.org

Deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2026



THE GLADYS CORREA MEMORIAL AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals who continually strive for the improvement of bilingual education, particularly in New York State.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Individuals whose regular work and exemplary contributions to improve bilingual education, with the dedication and commitment exemplified by Gladys Correa, are eligible for nomination.
- Candidates are typically professional educators who have demonstrated leadership, commitment, excellence, and dedication to the education of ELLs/multilingual learners.
- Candidates must be widely respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues in the field of Bilingual Education.
- Prior recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination.
- If selected as the recipient, the awardee must maintain or establish membership with NYSABE.

NOMINATION PACKET: (submitted by the nominator)

- **The nomination letter:** Provided by the nominator; must address the nominee's outstanding service to the educational community at large (not a specific field such as special, elementary, or secondary education), continuous contribution to improving bilingual education in New York State, leadership and dedication to the education of ELLs/multilingual learners, and efforts to involve diverse language groups.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** Written by people other than the nominator; must address the eligibility criteria above.
- No more than one page biography of the nominee.
- **Nominee's Statement:** Details the awardee's beliefs and practices regarding bilingual education (250 words). **Provided if selected as the recipient.**
- The award recipient will be required to maintain or obtain current membership with NYSABE. \$45 Regular (teacher, administrator, teacher educator, researcher)

FORMATTING & DEADLINE:

Format: Each supporting document must be double-spaced and should not exceed four typed pages. All documents must be in either MS Word or PDF format.

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