



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 BILINGUAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize bilingual education administrators whose leadership guides faculty, colleagues, and the school community in developing and implementing quality bilingual education programs for ELLs/multilingual learners in New York State.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Bilingual education school administrators of PreK-12 programs for ELLs/multilingual learners are eligible for nomination.
- Bilingual administrators who work in public, private, or parochial school districts, agencies, or institutions of higher education are eligible.
- Nominees must be currently working in a bilingual education program in New York State.
- Candidates should be in a position of educational leadership and be respected and admired by the constituencies with whom they work.
- The most important attribute the candidate should possess is the ability to lead faculty, colleagues, and the school community in their efforts to develop and implement quality bilingual education programs.
- Prior recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination.
- The nominee must maintain or establish membership with NYSABE.

NOMINATION PACKET: (submitted by the nominator)

- **The nomination letter:** Must state how the nominee has demonstrated leadership, knowledge, and commitment to the field of bilingual education; developed a sound professional relationship with the school community that generates leadership and dedication; and worked to create an atmosphere where members of the school community are empowered to implement quality bilingual education practices. Must also indicate how the nominee has developed clear goals and objectives for the bilingual program and ensured their implementation in accordance with policy requirements.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** Must provide supporting evidence of the nominee's qualities, accomplishments, and impact on the achievement of ELLs/multilingual learners. May be written by administrators, teachers, parents, and students, when possible.
- **Nominee's Statement:** The statement details the awardee's beliefs and practices regarding bilingual education (200–250 words). **Provided by the selected recipient only.**
- The award recipient will be required to maintain or obtain current membership with NYSABE. \$45 Regular (teacher, administrator, teacher educator, researcher)

FORMATING & 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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