



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 DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the extensive work and contributions of individuals who advocate for bilingual education and the educational rights of ELLs/multilingual learners in New York State.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Members of the community at large are eligible to receive this award (e.g., elected officials, community leaders, and members of public or private agencies).
- The most important attribute is the candidate's ongoing advocacy work to ensure quality and equitable bilingual education for all bilingual learners in New York State and in their own communities.
- Candidates should be widely respected and admired within the communities for whom they advocate.
- Prior recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination.
- The award recipient must maintain or establish membership with NYSABE.

NOMINATION PACKET: (submitted by the nominator)

- **The nomination letter:** Must provide evidence of the nominee's demonstrated support for bilingual education programs; how the nominee has helped develop clear goals for quality and equitable services for ELLs/multilingual learners; created awareness of bilingual education among government, business, and industry; and built mutual respect toward acceptance of bilingual education in the community at large.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** Written by people other than the nominator; must address the evidence of the nominee's advocacy work described above.
- **Nominee's Statement:** Details the nominee's beliefs and practices regarding bilingual education (200–250 words). Provided if selected as 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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