



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 Awardsnce@NYSABE.org

Deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2026



DR. XIMENA ZATE BILINGUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the leadership, advocacy, and instructional excellence of bilingual education teachers who inspire ELLs/multilingual learners in New York State to attain academic excellence, become bilingual and biliterate, and pursue lifelong learning.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Bilingual education teachers of PreK-12 ELLs/multilingual learners are eligible for nomination.
- Bilingual education teachers in post-secondary institutions are also eligible.
- School personnel with major responsibilities in administration, supervision, or guidance are not eligible.
- Nominees must be currently working in a bilingual education program in New York State.
- Candidates should be exceptionally skillful and dedicated, and respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues.
- The most important attribute the candidate should possess is the superior ability to inspire students to attain academic excellence, become bilingual and biliterate, and seek a path toward lifelong learning.
- 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 provide evidence of the nominee's professional excellence, leadership, advocacy, and impact on the achievement of ELLs/multilingual learners. Supporting evidence may include testimonial quotes, descriptions of curriculum designs and/or unique bilingual education pedagogical approaches, activities, and projects.
- **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:** 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)

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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