



**The New York State  
Association for  
Bilingual Education**

41st Annual NYSABE Conference  
"UNCOVERING THE TALENTS OF  
MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS  
FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH  
HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND"

**BILINGUAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT OF THE  
YEAR AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the excellent work and contributions of bilingual instructional assistants (**teacher assistants, paraprofessionals**) to the field of bilingual education in New York State.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- Bilingual instructional assistants working with ELLs/bilingual learners in a bilingual education program are eligible to be nominated.
- Nominees must have excelled in their ability to work cooperatively and effectively with teachers, parents, and ELLs/bilingual learners.
- Prior recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination.
- **The nominee must be a member of NYSABE.**

**NOMINATION PACKET:**

In addition to a completed **nomination form**, the **supporting documentation**, to be submitted by the nominator, must include:

- **Nomination letter:** This letter must provide evidence of the nominee's professional excellence, leadership, and impact on the achievement of ELLs/bilingual learners. The evidence may include testimonial quotes and/or descriptions of unique activities and projects.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** These letters should indicate the nominee's outstanding work and contributions to the education of ELLs/bilingual learners.
- **Nominee's Statement:** This statement details the nominee's beliefs and practices regarding bilingual education (200-250 words).

**NOTE:** *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*

**Nominations must be submitted electronically to our conference website  
no later than Friday, February 2, 2018.**

*To complete the **NOMINATION FORM** and  
**UPLOAD** the supporting documentation, please visit:*

[www.nysabe.net](http://www.nysabe.net)

**Faxes will not be accepted.**

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[www.nysabe.net/2018conference](http://www.nysabe.net/2018conference)**