



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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
THE DR. XIMENA ZATE BILINGUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the excellent work and contributions of current bilingual education teachers throughout New York State.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Bilingual education teachers of Pre K-12 ELLs/bilingual 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 teachers who are respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues.
- The most important attribute the candidate should possess is the superior ability to inspire his/her students to attain academic excellence, to become bilingual and biliterate, and to seek a path toward lifelong learning.
- 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, advocacy, and impact on the achievement of ELLs/bilingual learners. The supporting evidence may include testimonial quotes, descriptions of curriculum designs and/or of unique bilingual education pedagogical approaches, activities, and projects.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** These letters must provide supporting evidence of the nominee's qualities, accomplishments and impact on the achievement of ELLs/bilingual learners. Letters of recommendation may be written by administrators, teachers, parents, and students, when possible.
- **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 done 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

Faxes will not be accepted.

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March 15-17, 2018 - Hilton Long Island, Melville, New York
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