The Oneida/Herkimer School Library System

Teacher of the Year Award

The Oneida/Herkimer School Library System will honor an educator in an Oneida/Herkimer BOCES school who exhibits excellence in working collaboratively with the library media specialist to integrate information and research skills into the classroom curriculum and to use the resources and services of the library media center to enhance student learning.

Criteria

The award will be given to a classroom teacher in a school participating in the Oneida/Herkimer School Library System who has exhibited excellence in teaching through working collaboratively with their school library media specialist.

The guidelines to be considered are how the nominee:

1. Develops and implements collaborative projects or activities using the library media center including during the planning and evaluation phases.
2. Evaluates and refines projects during or after implementation to better meet the objectives of the library media specialist and classroom teacher.
3. Provides a forum for student feedback on projects (availability and appropriateness of materials used).
4. Uses and reinforces information skills in the classroom.
5. Varies projects to meet the needs of all learners.
6. Provides input for collection development to meet curricular needs or student interests.
7. Fosters the use of resource sharing through the School Library System.
8. Advocates for excellence in library programing.

Selection

The selection of the award winner shall be determined by the Oneida/Herkimer School Library System Awards Committee and approved by the SLS Council. The Committee, selected by the Oneida/Herkimer School Library System, is composed of at least three persons. Neither nominees nor nominators may serve on the committee. A former recipient may be a member of the committee.

Nomination Process

Oneida/Herkimer School Library System member library media specialists in good standing and SLS Council members may submit nominations. The nominating form with a descriptive narrative and attachments shall be submitted in writing to the SLS. The narrative should be no longer than 1000 words. Specific programs or projects should be highlighted. Nominations should be received no later than the first Friday in April and will not be returned.

Nominations may be sent via email to:

ehartnett@oneida-boces.org

Send Nominations to via the courier to:

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Nominations Due: April 3, 2020

Award Presentation shall be at the year-end School Library System Annual Meeting/Administrators Breakfast. Please feel free to contact local media for coverage of the award winner. If you do so, please let Elizabeth Hartnett know so that we can keep the BOCES PR Department in the loop.
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Teacher of the Year
Nominating Form

Nominee’s Name:
Subject/Grade Taught:
School:
District:
Address:
Telephone:

Nominator’s Name:
School:
District:
Telephone:
Nominator’s Signature:

Narrative

The award is granted to a classroom teacher or teaching team who has worked collaboratively with their library media specialist to enhance student education.

On a separate sheet, please describe how the nominee does the following:

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Attachments

Attachments may include samples of unit materials and/or examples of student work.

Successful nominations must closely adhere to the criteria.