

# OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR Guidelines and Application Form

## **Description/Overview:**

Each local council in Virginia is challenged to select its “most outstanding reading teacher.” This award recognizes a reading teacher whose commitment to literacy is exemplary and unparalleled.

The Reading Teacher of the Year Committee will review all information received and will determine the State Reading Teacher of the Year. The one selected will receive the OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD with a \$500 cash award.

**Eligibility:** The candidate must be a member of the local reading council for at least one year prior to selection. The candidate must teach reading a minimum of one-third of each school day to students in grades K-12.

**Instructions/Requirements:** Identifying information must be omitted from all documentation except required on items 1 and 6:

- 1) Application form with verification completed by the local council president
- 2) The candidate’s vitae (20 points)
- 3) The candidate’s philosophy of reading education (30 points)
- 4) Candidate’s proposal for using the \$500.00 Ofie T. Rubin Reading Teacher of the Year Professional Development Award (20 points)
- 5) Two letters of recommendation- ie. Principal, supervisor, colleague, parent (15 points each)
- 6) A digital photo of the candidate with name, address, and local council

## **Timeline:**

Due Date: November 15, 2008

Selection Date: By January 10, 2009

Announcement: February, VSRA Conference, Arlington, VA

## **Send your application form to:**

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# OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone- W \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Present Position \_\_\_\_\_

## Verification:

I verify that the above named nominee has been a member of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Local Council) for at least one  
year.

The nominee will be able to attend the VSRA Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Date, in  
\_\_\_\_\_ (place).

Local Council President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council President's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments in this order:** (All components should be typed in at least a 12 font size. **Candidate's name should only appear on #5.**)

- 1) Candidate's Vitae (20 points) Limit to 2 pages.  
Include: Educational background (5 points)  
Professional experience in the last 5 years (10 points)  
Publications and affiliations (5 points)
- 2) The candidate's philosophy of reading education (30 Points) Limit to 1 page.
- 3) The candidate's proposal for using the \$500.00 Ofie T. Rubin Reaching Teacher of the Year Professional Development Award (20 points) Limit to 1 page.
- 4) Two letters of recommendation-i.e. principal, supervisor, colleague, parent- Limit to 2 pages (15 points each)
- 5) A digital photo of the candidate with name, address, and local council

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION MUST BE OMITTED FROM ALL  
DOCUMENTATION EXCEPT REQUIRED ITEMS (VERIFICATION FORM  
AND PHOTO)**