

VIRGINIA STATE READING ASSOCIATION

“SEARCHING FOR VIRGINIA’S MOST OUTSTANDING READING TEACHER”

Each local council in Virginia is challenged to select its “most outstanding reading teacher” for the distinguished 2008 OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER AWARD presented by the Virginia State Reading Association. This notable award recognizes a reading teacher whose commitment to literacy is exemplary and unparalleled. Local Councils are encouraged to participate in this opportunity to applaud the efforts of noteworthy, committed teachers.

Local councils are to select this individual according to guidelines established by the Virginia State Reading Association. Each council is asked to submit their candidate and requested information to the Reading Teacher of the Year Committee by the specified deadline, November 15. This committee will review all information received and will determine the State Reading Teacher of the Year.

The Virginia State Reading Association will give special recognition to the State Reading Teacher of the Year and all candidates submitted at the Annual Banquet at the VSRA Conference in Richmond. The State Reading Teacher will receive a special certificate and a \$500.00 cash award made possible by the Life of Virginia Insurance Company. To further recognize the 2008 OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR and all candidates submitted, information will be published in the VSRA Newsletter, local council newsletters, and other media selected by the councils.

The VSRA Reading Teacher of the Year Committee must have all responses for this outstanding award by **November 15**.

Please forward information to Committee Chair:

**Connie Herman, Teacher of the Year Committee Chair
925 Claiborne Avenue
Vinton, VA 24179**

VIRGINIA STATE READING ASSOCIATION
Ofie T. Rubin \$500.00 Professional Development
Reading Teacher of the Year Award

Instructions

Each local council of the Virginia State Reading Association may nominate one teacher for this award. The candidate must be a member of the local reading council for one year. The candidate must teach reading a minimum of one-third of each school day to students in grades K-12.

Required Items (Items B-E must be typed)

DUE DATE: *November 15*

- A. Verification form completed by the local council president
- B. Two letters of recommendation
i.e. principal, supervisor, colleague, parent (15 points each)
- C. The candidate's vita (20 points)
- D. The candidate's philosophy of reading education (30 points)
- E. Proposal for using the \$500.00 Ofie T. Rubin Reading Teacher of the Year Professional Developmental Award (20 points)
- F. Two 5 x 7 photos of the candidate with name, address, and local council on the back.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION MUST BE OMITTED FROM ALL DOCUMENTATION EXCEPT REQUIRED ITEMS (A) AND (F).

FORM A: Local Council Membership Verification

I verify that our candidate, _____, has
Been a member of _____ for one
year prior to this year (Local Council)

Please print.

Candidate: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-Mail _____

Position: _____

**President's
Signature** _____

Send required items postmarked no later than NOVEMBER 15 to:

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cherman31@cox.net**

B1. Letter of Recommendation (Limit to two pages) 15 points

B2. Letter of recommendation (Limit to two pages) 15 points

C. Candidate's Vita (Limit to two pages)

Include: Educational background (5 points)

Professional experience last five years (10 points)

Publications and affiliations (5 points)

**D. Candidate's Philosophy of Reading Education
(Limit to one page) 30 points**

E. Proposal for using the \$500 Ofie T. Rubin Professional Development Award (Limit to one page) 20 points