

# NOMINATE A TEACHER IN YOUR LIFE

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## Teacher Awards *for* Literacy

Recognizing Innovative Projects in Support of Cultivating Literacy & Lifelong Readers

### 2018 GUIDELINES

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time or part-time teachers in grades K-12.
- Teachers in public schools in the United States (private and parochial schools are not eligible).

#### CRITERIA (must meet all or some)

- Teachers who foster a passion and love of reading in students through programs and curriculum that are innovative, original and have measurable success. Innovative can be defined as, but not limited to, multi-media, interdisciplinary or interactive.
- Teachers who take risks in presenting books and literature to students in a unique way.
- Teachers who are committed to reluctant readers and are visionary in their methods of reaching them.
- Teachers who create distinctive programs and activities that support and promote a community of readers.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the Application Form (complete the SELF-NOMINATING section or, if nominating someone else, complete the NOMINATING SOMEONE ELSE section).
- Attach two letters of support—each not to exceed one page. One letter must be from a parent or student and the other from a supervisor or teaching peer. If nominated by someone else, supervisor or teaching peer letter of support is not necessary.
- Attach professional resume.
- Attach detailed project plan, budget and timeline.
- Submit electronically by **June 1, 2018**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.

#### EVALUATION

- An evaluation committee of selected Penguin Random House executives, authors, and educators will review all applications and determine the final awards winners.
- Winners will be notified via email by September 15, 2018 and announced at the NCTE Conference on November 15, 2018. Official winners' announcement and press release will be posted on November 16, 2018 at [foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/teacherawards](http://foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/teacherawards)

#### AWARDS

- \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500 grant awards for use by the winning teachers made payable to their respective schools.
- **\$10,000 Maya Angelou Teacher Award for Poetry** designated for programs specifically centered around poetry.
- \$2,500 in Penguin Random House titles for their respective schools.
- Ten \$250 runner-up grant awards for use by the winning teachers made payable to their respective schools.
- Transportation, lodging and conference registration for the \$10,000 grant recipient to attend the Penguin Random House Awards event at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference in Houston, TX November 15, 2018, if not already attending.
- Multi-media coverage of the winning teachers and schools via the Penguin Random House website, press releases, and newsletters.

#### First Book will provide First Book Marketplace credits:

- \$250 for first place
- \$150 for second place
- \$100 for third place
- \$250 for the Maya Angelou Teacher Award for Poetry.

Non-eligible classrooms may donate their credit to a classroom of students in need.



**SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY BY JUNE 1, 2018:**  
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