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Nomination, Criteria, and Judging Information for ISTE Outstanding Teacher and Leader Award

Nomination statement (excluding cover application, resume and letters of reference) is limited to the following size restraints: 1900 words, 2 pages in length, 10 pt. font, Arial or Times New Roman Style and 1" margins.

- ISTE Affiliate Nomination Statement
A narrative written by a representative of the ISTE Affiliate organization that provides the reason for nominating the individual as an outstanding leader or outstanding teacher
- Nominee Resume or Vitae Outlining professional background and experience
- Letters of Recommendation
A minimum of two and a maximum of three letters per nominee

If nominations packet is received incomplete or past the deadline, the nomination will be disqualified and the Affiliate representative notified of the disqualification. There will be no opportunities to complete the packet once the representative has been notified of disqualification. Those responsible for submitting the nominations materials are strongly encouraged to submit well before the deadline and request that the Affiliate Awards Committee Chair review submission and confirm with the representative that all items are received and complete.

Review Committee

The winner is selected by the Affiliate Membership Committee Award Co-Chairs. If you are interested in serving on the nominations review team, inform the Affiliate Program Director at affiliates@iste.org. The award committee is composed of:

- 2 ISTE Affiliate Membership Committee Members (Awards Committee Co-Chairs)
- 2 ISTE Board Members
- 2 ISTE Affiliate Representatives
- 2 ISTE General Members

Selection Criteria

1. Required nomination materials are complete and submitted by deadline.
2. The nominee is a PK–12, teacher* if nominated for the teacher award and not a PK–12 teacher if nominated for the leader award.
3. The nominee's work has had a significant positive impact on technology use in education locally, regionally, statewide, nationally, or worldwide.
4. The nominee has involved the community in the initiative or program to facilitate partnerships with business and/or legislative initiations to advance the use of technology in education.
5. The nominee works tirelessly to genuinely improve the quality of education.
6. The nominee has demonstrated his/her ability to both deliberately plan for and incorporate in the use of technology for the purpose of improving the educational setting.
7. The quality of education and/or work experience has been significantly advanced in the nominee's workplace as a result of the nominee's efforts.

8. The nominee is an active member of professional organizations.
9. The nominee has contributed to the profession by presenting at professional conferences, seminars and/or workshops or publishing articles in print or through electronic media.
10. The nominee's work can be used as a model.
11. The nominee's work reflects the mission and purpose of ISTE.
12. The nominee will represent ISTE well in all forums.

* Definition of a teacher: It is the intent of the ISTE Outstanding Teacher Award to recognize those persons currently responsible for the day-to-day instruction of PK–12 students, regardless of subject matter. There is an assumption that under this scenario, there will be an articulated curriculum and some type of assessment of learning. Therefore, nominees for this award may also include such individuals as library media specialists, technology integration specialists, etc. for it is the duties and responsibilities of one's job that define one's role, rather than one's title. Of note however, if more than seventy-five percent of one's responsibilities do not include the direct instruction of PK–12 age students, then the nomination for Outstanding Teacher would not be appropriate.