**Bonnie Campbell Hill National Literacy Leader Award 2017-2018**

Through the *Bonnie Campbell Hill National Literacy Leader Award*, the Children’s Literature Assembly (CLA) will honor two outstanding teacher leaders on an annual basis. The award recognizes the contributions and leadership of the late Bonnie Campbell Hill. Award recipients may include classroom teachers, literacy coaches, or teacher educators dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of reading and writing in real world contexts in grades K – 8. The US $2,500 grant is intended to be used for professional development (not for materials, except professional books for a book study). Applicants must be members of both NCTE and CLA. Please note that priority is given to members who have not previously won this award or the CLA Research Award within the past five years. The award is supported by Bonnie Campbell Hill’s family and colleagues.

Guidelines

Your application materials must include FOUR items:

1. Completed application form.
2. A professional development plan (three-page maximum) for 2017-2018 that outlines why you would be a strong candidate for these monies and your vision for how this support would allow you to improve and enhance teaching and learning for students and/or teachers. Funds may be used for expenses related to experiences such as those illustrated by the following examples: attending the Annual NCTE Conference, attending the Annual ILA Convention, attending national professional training or reputable children’s literature conference, conducting literature-based research with potential for teaching implementation (i.e., Kerlan Collection), buying professional books for a book study among colleagues. Funds may not be used to buy classroom materials. The professional development plan should address the key elements listed in the attached rubric. The plan must provide specific details about the project and include a budget that indicates clearly how the $2,500 and $150 in professional books would be utilized.
3. A resumé/CV showing professional experience and leadership accomplishments/activities.
4. A letter of recommendation from a supervisor detailing the applicant’s leadership skills, collaborative interactions, effective teaching practices, successful teaching/learning relationships with students and teachers and an understanding of the intentions and/or support of the project detailed by the applicant. The letter should address the evaluation criteria listed in the attached rubric.

An electronic copy of the complete application must be submitted to Dr. Nancy J. Johnson, committee chair, by **July 1, 2017.** The evaluation criteria are included with this letter.

Announcement of the winners will occur on or before **August 15, 2017** for the 2017-2018 school year. The award will be presented at the November NCTE Convention. The recipients of the *Bonnie Campbell Hill National Literacy Leader Award* are cordially invited to attend the CLA Breakfast, where they will be introduced by the Awards Committee. All conference expenses (transportation, meals, and housing) will be borne by the winner or paid for out of the initial award. Professional books must be purchased during the 2017-2018 school year. The winner must submit a report to the committee about how the funds were used by June 30, 2018 with information about what the winner learned and the impact of this project on student learning and professional development.

**E-mail application to: Dr. Nancy J. Johnson at** [Nancy.Johnson@wwu.edu](mailto:Nancy.Johnson@wwu.edu)

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Application Form

Name:

Home Address:

E- mail:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Name of school where you teach:

Address of school:

School phone:

Current position:

Professional affiliations (e.g., WORD, NCTE, IRA):

NCTE Membership Number (To join NCTE, visit www.ncte.org)

CLA Membership expiration date (To join CLA, visit [www.childrensliteratureassembly.org](http://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org))

Recommender’s name:

Address:

E-mail

I give my permission for the information submitted to be reviewed by the selection committee.

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Signature Date

**Application Requirements Checklist**

Please make sure you have completed all of the following requirements and included them in your application materials.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Application Form**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Professional Development Plan** (as specified in the award announcement above)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Resumé**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Recommendation Letter** from a supervisor (as specified in the award announcement above)

An electronic copy of all components must be received by **July 1st, 2017**.

Send to: Nancy J. Johnson [Nancy.Johnson@wwu.edu]

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**Evaluation Criteria for All Applicants**

**(e.g., classroom teacher, literacy coach, administrator, college/university faculty)**

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The professional development plan and recommendation letter must comment on each of the following criteria as they apply to the applicant.

**Scoring Key**:

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| 3 Strong | 2 Average | 1 Weak | 0 Not applicable |

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | Score |
| 1. Knowledge of literacy instruction |  |
| 2. Evidence of effective literacy instruction |  |
| 3. Demonstrated collaboration skills |  |
| 4. Demonstrated leadership skills that impact colleagues |  |
| 5. Effective communication skills |  |
| 1. Potential of proposal to increase the applicant’s ability to impact student learning and/or professional development of a learning community |  |