



# PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

## Outstanding Pennsylvania Author and/or Illustrator Nomination Form

**Purpose:** To recognize an author and/or illustrator who has made a notable contribution to the field of literature for youth.

**Eligibility:**

- A. Members of the Awards Committee, PSLA Board of Directors, and/or elected officers of PSLA are not eligible to apply.
- B. The nominee must be a present or former Pennsylvania resident or whose body of work represents or reflects Pennsylvania.
- C. The nominee's body of work must show evidence of substantial and lasting impact on children's and/or young adult literature.
- D. The nominee must be nominated by a member of PSLA.

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Current Member of PSLA?       YES       NO

Submit nomination form and all supporting documentation electronically to:

PSLA Awards Committee  
[pslaawards@gmail.com](mailto:pslaawards@gmail.com)

**All nominations must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Procedure

Applicants must submit an electronic portfolio that is fully accessible to all committee members during the evaluation process. The electronic portfolio **must include** the following:

- A statement as to why the nominee is worthy. Please address his/her residency in or representation of Pennsylvania, as well as his/her body of work.
- Specific supporting evidence to demonstrate each target criteria within the Outstanding PA Author/Illustrator Award Rubric (see below).
- An annotated bibliography of the nominee's works, which must be of interest to children and/or young adults through grade 12.

### Outstanding Pennsylvania Author and/or Illustrator – Scoring Rubric

#### The nominee

- Resides in Pennsylvania presently or formerly, or represents or reflects Pennsylvania in his/her body of work.
- Writes and/or illustrates a body of work minimally consisting of 3 published books, with at least 1 currently in print.
- Writes and/or illustrates books of interest to children and/or young adults through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Has a body of work appearing on publisher's children or young adult lists.
- Receives other awards.
- Is reviewed in current professional selection tools (e.g. *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, etc.).
- Is included in professional publications about children's or young adult literature.
- Incorporates exceptional and leading examples of a genre.
- Exemplifies a substantial and lasting impact on children's or young adult literature.

#### Scoring:

**Distinguished:** Demonstrates **all nine** indicators

**Proficient:** Demonstrates **seven or eight** indicators

**Emergent:** Demonstrates **fewer than seven** indicators

*(Adopted, Board of Directors, June 9, 2012; amended, Board of Directors, January 16, 2016)*