



# **NYSABE** 47th Annual Conference *Reaffirming Policy to Transform Practice and Action in Bilingual Education*

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: NYSABE PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Over the years, the New York State Association for Bilingual Education (NYSABE) has honored individuals for their outstanding dedication, contributions, and commitment to bilingual education. Please accept this **Call for Nominations** as an invitation to acknowledge your colleagues' excellent work at our upcoming annual conference.

By completing your nominations, you are participating in NYSABE's initiative to increase bilingual education awareness in New York State. The awards to be presented this year include:

- **THE GLADYS CORREA MEMORIAL AWARD**
- **THE DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA BILINGUAL ADVOCACY AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **THE DR. XIMENA ZATE BILINGUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL AWARD**
- **THE BILINGUAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Please review the eligibility criteria and nomination packet requirements for each award below.

**Nominations must be submitted electronically with the subject "BILINGUAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION" to conference email address: [NYSABEConference@gmail.com](mailto:NYSABEConference@gmail.com).**

**Deadline: Friday, December 13, 2024**

Sincerely,

James Nieves  
NYSABE Past-President

Shirley Vargas  
NYSABE Professional Awards Committee  
Chairperson Region 1 Delegate

Dr. Elena Dokshansky  
NYSABE Conference Chairperson  
NYSABE Parent Delegate



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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: BILINGUAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the leadership, advocacy work, and contributions of parents whose children participate in bilingual education programs throughout New York State.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Any parent who, currently, has a child enrolled in a bilingual education program in New York State is eligible.
- Candidates must have demonstrated leadership, commitment, and dedication to bilingual education programs in the state.
- Candidates must have the respect and admiration of the school community.
- Prior recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination.
- **The nominee must be a member of NYSABE.**

### NOMINATION PACKET:

In addition to a completed **nomination form**, the **supporting documentation** to be submitted by the nominator must include:

- **The nomination letter:** This letter must provide evidence of the nominee's parental leadership, advocacy role, and outstanding accomplishments as a parent in bilingual education.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** These letters, written by individuals other than the nominator, must indicate the nominee's parental leadership, outstanding advocacy work, and contributions to bilingual education.
- **Nominee's Statement:** This statement details the nominee's beliefs and practices regarding bilingual education (200-250 words).

**NOTE: Each supporting document must be double-spaced and should not exceed four-typed pages. All documents must be in either MS WORD or PDF format.**

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## NOMINATION FORM: BILINGUAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals who continually strive for the improvement of bilingual education, particularly in New York State.

### NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee a member of NYSABE? ☐ Yes ☐ No (disqualified)

# of years as NYSABE member \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION OF THE NOMINATOR:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of NYSABE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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**Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2024**