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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 raise awareness of bilingual education 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 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR 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.

**Nominations must be submitted electronically by using the following Link:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/JkJhtHHbRz>

**For questions, you may email us at [Conference@NYSABE.NET](mailto:Conference@NYSABE.NET)**

**Deadline: Friday, December 19, 2025**



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## THE BILINGUAL ADMINISTRATOR 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:

- Bilingual education school administrators of PreK-12 programs for ELLs/multilingual learners are eligible for nomination. Bilingual administrators who work in public, private, or parochial school districts, agencies, or institutions of higher education are eligible.
- Nominees must be currently working in a bilingual education program in New York State.
- Candidates should be in a position of educational leadership and be respected and admired by the constituencies with whom they work.
- The most important attribute the candidate should possess is the ability to lead faculty, colleagues, and the school community in their efforts to develop and implement quality bilingual education programs.
- 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 state how the nominee has demonstrated leadership, knowledge, and commitment to the field of bilingual education; has developed a sound professional relationship with the school community that generates leadership and dedication; and has worked to create an atmosphere where members of the school community are empowered to implement quality bilingual education practices. The letter must also indicate how the nominee has developed a clear definition of the goals and objectives of the bilingual program and has ensured their implementation in accordance with policy requirements.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** These letters must provide supporting evidence of the nominee's qualities, accomplishments, and impact on the achievement of ELLs/multilingual learners. Letters of recommendation may be written by administrators, teachers, parents, and students, when possible.
- **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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