

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Leaders Inspiring Readers Award is presented to a researcher or practitioner who has contributed significantly to advancing the knowledge base and instructional efficacy of educators in the focus area of struggling readers.

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Submission Timeline

- Open date: **Rolling**
Deadline: Though submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, the cutoff for the 2022 awards cycle is **March 15, 2022**. (*Note: All submissions received after this date will be held for consideration the following award year.*)
- Applicants are notified of the results via email by **mid-June**.

Qualifications

- Nominees must have current ILA membership.
- Nominees must be leaders of research and practice in the field of struggling reading who serve the profession and assume leadership positions in several important capacities in struggling reading education (e.g., researcher, teacher, scholar, supervisor, author, lecturer, administrator, counselor).
- Nominees must be distinguished, innovative, and long-standing contributors to the field through methods and/or media; design and implementation of effectual reading courses; or outstanding lectures for professionals specializing in struggling readers.
- Nominees must be role models/mentors who instruct students/teachers to their full potential and support their ability to effectively guide struggling readers and who inspire students, teachers, and colleagues through research, lectures, writings, and instruction.
- Nominees must be disseminators who research, publish, and promote beyond their own campus effective practices for teaching struggling readers.
- Nominees must be instrumental in the initiation and development of original ideas and must have increased knowledge and understanding of the reading process and/or improved practices in struggling reading instruction and development.
- Nominees must be influential in the production of definitive material or important restructuring of existing material with exhaustive coverage in the field of struggling readers.

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To join or renew online, please visit literacyworldwide.org/membership.

How to Apply/Nominate

Begin your submission using [our online application process](#).

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed by members of the ILA Leaders Inspiring Readers Award Committee.
- Decisions will be based on the quality of the application, relevance to the award's intent, and the quality of supporting materials.
- The award will be made only in those years when the committee concludes there is an application of high quality.

Please direct any questions to ILAAwards@reading.org.