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Illinois Reading Educator of the Year Award

The Illinois Reading Council may present up to four awards recognizing outstanding teachers who make contributions in promoting literacy among students, colleagues, and school communities. One teacher may be chosen from each of the following categories, PreK-5, 6-12, Reading Specialist, and College Instructor. Each award winner will receive \$400, an engraved plaque, and recognition at the annual Illinois Reading Council conference.

Self-nominations and nominations by others will be accepted. Nominee must be a current member of IRC and IRA.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Attach three letters of recommendation.
 - a. Recommendations can be written by a colleague, an administrator, a parent, or a student.
 - b. Letters should address reasons why you are an excellent reading teacher.
3. Address your reading philosophy and contributions in a typed response no longer than four double-spaced pages.
 - a. Discuss your philosophy about literacy instruction including the theories that guide and shape it.
 - b. Explain how you implement your beliefs about reading.
 - c. Describe your community activities connected to enhancing literacy.
4. Send the completed application form, letters of recommendation, and your philosophy statement by **November 1, 2011** to:

Jennifer Young
28633 N. Manley Road
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Illinois Reading Educator of the Year Award Application Form

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Email _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____

School Name _____

District _____ City _____

School Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ County _____

Check area of teaching responsibility:

_____ PreK-5 _____ 6-12 _____ Reading Specialist _____ College Instructor

Are you a member of the Illinois Reading Council? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list council(s) to which you belong _____

Are you a member of the International Reading Association? _____ Yes _____ No

List any IRC Council(s) to which you belong and offices held.

List any other reading or reading educational organizations to which you belong and offices held.
