

# Illinois Reading Educator of the Year Award

The Illinois Reading Council may present up to three 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, K-5, 6-12, and Reading Specialist. Each award winner will receive \$500, 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 **December 15, 2008** to:

Jennifer Young  
28633 Manley Road  
Avon, IL 61415

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ K-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_ Reading Specialist

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.

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

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