



Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award (\$500) Midwest Chapter/Medical Library Association 2008 Application Information

Overview

The Midwest Chapter/MLA's **Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award** recognizes individuals, groups, libraries, or organizations for their creative approaches to the delivery and management of health information. The winner receives a certificate of recognition and a check for \$500.

The Award is announced and presented at the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting, scheduled this year for **October 20, 2008** at the Detroit Marriott Troy in Troy, Michigan.

Established in 2005 as the **Innovation Award**, it replaced the Chapter's previous **Award for Achievement in Health Information Management**, which was established in 1995. In 2006, it was re-named after long-time Chapter member Jean Williams Sayre (1951-2006).

Previous recipients of the **Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award** are:

- 2006 Allina Library Services Knowledge Consultant Group
Allina Hospitals & Clinics / Minneapolis, MN
- 2007 Not awarded

Nomination Criteria

- Nominees can be an individual or a group of individuals, a library, an institution, or an organization.
- An individual nominee must be a member of the Midwest Chapter.
- Group, library, institutional, or organizational nominees must include at least one person who is a member of the Midwest Chapter.
- Library, institutional, or organizational nominees must be located in one of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin.
- Nominations can be submitted by individuals from either inside or outside the nominee's institution or organization.

Nomination Requirements

Nominations need to document how innovative practices, workflows, projects, initiatives, applications, research, and/or other methodologies were utilized by the nominee to improve the delivery and management of health information. **Examples of innovative practices or projects** that might be nominated include (but are not limited to):

- Technological solutions or new technological applications.
- Software development or new applications for existing software.



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- New or improved teaching methods.
- Organizational innovations.
- New marketing initiatives.
- Consumer health outreach initiatives.
- Successful combination of a new job or job skill with traditional library work.
- New roles for a hospital, special or academic library.
- Publications that present new or innovative ideas or methods.

Nominations for a single individual must include:

- A completed application form. See <http://midwestmla.org/committees/awards/>.
- A current resume or vitae of the nominee.
- A letter of nomination stating why the individual should be recognized and what innovative accomplishments, achievements, projects, and/or initiatives are pertinent.
- Two additional letters of support, at least one from someone who is outside of the nominee's organization.

Either the letter of nomination or one of the two addition letters of support must be from a Midwest Chapter member.

Nominations for a group of individuals, a library, an institution or an organization must include:

- A completed application form. See <http://midwestmla.org/committees/awards/>.
- Brief professional profiles for all individuals nominated as a group.
- A brief description of the library, institution, or organization for group nominees that are not individuals.
- A letter of nomination stating why the group, library, institution, or organization should be recognized and what innovative accomplishments, achievements, projects, and/or initiatives are pertinent.
- Two additional letters of support, at least one from someone who is outside of the nominee's library, institution, or organization.

Either the letter of nomination or one of the two addition letters of support must be from a Midwest Chapter member.

Applications for the 2008 **Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award** must be received by **August 18, 2008**.



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Selection of Recipients

The Midwest Chapter/MLA Awards and Scholarships Committee is responsible for evaluating all applications and selecting the recipient. The Committee reserves the right not to select any winner if no applicants meet the requirements or none are deemed qualified.

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