

Overview

The **Midwest Chapter/MLA 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 **\$500**.

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

- 2008 Gundersen Lutheran Health Resource Libraries / La Crosse, WI
- 2007 Not awarded
- 2006 Allina Library Services Knowledge Consultant Group / Minneapolis, MN

The Award is announced and presented at the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting, scheduled this year for **October 5, 2009** at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio.

Nomination Criteria

- Nominees can be an individual, 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 nine states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio or Wisconsin.

Nomination Requirements

Letter of Nomination

Nominations must include a letter describing how particular innovative practices, workflows, projects, initiatives, applications, and/or other methodologies were utilized by the nominee to improve the delivery and management of health information.

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Nomination Requirements

Letter of Nomination (continued from page 1)

Examples of innovations that might be nominated include (but are not limited to):

- Technological solutions or new technological applications.
- Software development or new applications for existing software.
- New or improved teaching methods.
- Organizational innovations or new marketing initiatives.
- New consumer health outreach initiatives.
- New roles for the library.
- Successful combination of a new job or job skill with traditional library work.
- Publications that describe successful innovative approaches to information delivery.

Supporting Documentation

Individual. In addition to a letter of nomination, nominations for a single individual must include:

- A completed nomination form. See <http://midwestmla.org/committees/awards/>.
- A current resume or vitae of the nominee.
- Two additional letters of support, at least one from someone who is outside the nominee's organization. Either the letter of nomination or one of the two additional letters of support must be from a Midwest Chapter member.

Groups. In addition to a letter of nomination, nominations for groups must include:

- A completed nomination form. See <http://midwestmla.org/committees/awards/>.
- Brief professional profiles for all individuals nominated as a group **OR** brief descriptions of the nominated library, institution, and/or organization if individuals are not specified.
- Two additional letters of support, at least one from someone who is outside of the nominee's institution(s) or organization(s). Either the letter of nomination or one of the two additional letters of support must from a Midwest Chapter member.

Nominations must be received by **September 5, 2009**.

Selection Process

The Midwest Chapter/MLA Awards and Scholarships Committee will select the winner based solely on evaluation of the nomination materials received. The Committee reserves the right not to select any winner if no nominees meet the requirements or none are deemed qualified.



Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award 2009 Nomination Information

For More Information

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Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in the Midwest Chapter/MLA!

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