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Subject: AASL Innovative Reading Grant

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Policy Statement:

The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.

Focus: Members

Purpose: To outline the process for submission of nominees and selection of the AASL Innovative Reading Grant recipient.

Procedure:

1. The applicant must be an AASL personal member.
2. The following criteria will be used in the selection process:
 - The potential to measure and evaluate a literacy project that promotes the importance of reading and facilitates the learners' literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy
 - Reading program specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting
 - Encourages innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading. Existing commercial programs will not be considered
 - Demonstrates potential to impact student learning, especially reading
 - Originality of project and methodology
 - Potential for replication of the program should be apparent
 - Demonstration of the ability of the applicant(s) to undertake and successfully complete the project
 - A project plan that includes a timeline, budget, and clarity of purpose
 - Evidence-based and scholarly in nature
3. One award will be given annually. The committee may choose during any given year to not select a recipient for the award.
4. Nomination for the AASL Innovative Reading Grant will be due February 1 of each year.
5. The subawards committee will:
 - a. Judge nominees utilizing a standardized scoring rubric
 - b. Vote on the nominee(s) prior to April 1 of each year
6. The chair of the subawards committee, in coordination with the board and staff liaison, will announce the award winner in the form of an Information Report at the Spring Executive Committee meeting.

7. The recipient will be sent a congratulatory letter from the Awards Committee Chair and AASL President. The nominator of the award recipient will be notified of the nominee's honor.
8. All candidates who were not successful in receiving the grant will be sent a notification letter from the Awards Committee Chair and AASL President.
9. AASL Headquarters will prepare the award, which includes:

- Press release
- Certificate with recipient's name
- Recognition in Awards Ceremony material
- Recognition in *Knowledge Quest* and *Hotlinks*

10. Award sponsorships are set for automatic renewal. AASL must be notified in advance if an award will no longer be supported the following year by the current sponsor. The deadline for notification is May 1.