

ABE AWARD INFORMATION



Literacy Action Network is honored to recognize students, teachers, managers, and leaders working and succeeding in Adult Basic Education. Awards will be given during the Summer Institute Conference of 2023 during a special luncheon on **Thursday, August 17th**, at **The Park Event Center in Waite Park, MN**.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **ABE Teacher of the Year:** Awarded to a teacher in an ABE program for outstanding performance.
- **ABE Outstanding Learner:** Awarded to a learner who has made a significant impact in adult literacy with a powerful commitment to volunteer and lead peers.
- **ABE Leadership:** Awarded to an individual in the ABE field who demonstrates exemplary leadership, flexibility, or creativity.
- **Todd Wagner Award for Outstanding Service and Achievement:** Awarded to an ABE professional who has dedicated at least 10 years to the field and whose service has made a significant impact on their program, their region or the state.
- **ABE Advocate and Partner Award:** Awarded to an individual, business, non-profit organization, social service agency or foundation that has advocated or provided significant assistance serving learners in adult literacy in Minnesota.
- **Innovation (formerly PONI) Award:** Awarded to a project or initiative in ABE that has positively influenced cooperative teamwork, resources, and the success of a program or the community.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

1. The contribution of the nominee is extraordinary and significant; creative, unique, innovative, persistent, original or resourceful.
2. The nominee exhibits high standards of quality that makes a positive impact on the literacy effort in a community or in the state of Minnesota.
3. Dedication is shown by the length of involvement or by the depth of concentration in service.
4. The nominee is currently active or has provided service within the past year of 2022.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- All nominators must be members of LAN. Nominees *do not* have to be members of LAN.
- Individuals may submit as many entries as desired up until the deadline.
- All nominations must be submitted electronically with the [official form](#).
- Each nomination may include up to three attachments as support.
- Selections are made by the Professional Engagement Committee. All decisions are final.
- LAN reserves the right to limit the categories of awards. These may vary from year to year.
- If the nominee is selected to be the recipient, it is **strongly preferred** that both the nominator and the recipient be physically present during the Awards Luncheon at Summer Institute for 2023.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Complete the [official nomination form](#) electronically.
2. Write a statement or upload a 2-minute video for the nomination. Attach support if desired.

DEADLINE: Nominations are due by **Friday, May 19th, 2023, at 3:00 pm**.