

# James D. Mullins Leadership Award Guidelines and Application Form

## Description/Overview:

The Virginia State Literacy Association James D. Mullins Leadership award ($150) was established in 1994 to recognize administrators who show exceptional support of literacy. The nominee is a strong advocate for literacy, teachers and children; has a vision for a school or school system; **consistently** makes decisions based on a **research based** belief system, is creative in finding resources to support literacy programs, and is a strong supporter of literacy and/or VSLA or other literacy-oriented organizations or groups.

## Eligibility:

The candidate must be a member in good standing of VSLA as well as a VSLA member for at least one year prior to selection. Candidates should be administrators at least three years and consistent in their support of literacy during that time.

## Instructions/ Requirements:

1. Application form with Nominator’s name and verification by local chapter president
2. The candidate’s vitae
3. Three letters of recommendation from three different perspectives, one of which must be that of a local chapter member (i.e. teacher, coworker, parent, community member, administrator’s supervisor).

## Timeline

**Application Due**: January 10

**Name of Recipient and Rubric to Awards Chair**: February 1

**Notification of All Applicants:** February 6

**Presentation of Award**: VSLA Annual Conference

## Send your application form via Word Document, PDF or scanned document to VSLA Administrators and Literacy Chair:

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# James D. Mullins Leadership Award Application

## Year:

**Name of Applicant:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**Telephone: (home) (work)**

## Present Position/Title:

**School Division:**

**Business Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Verification:**

I verify that the above-named nominee is a member of the .

(Name of Local Chapter)

The nominee will be able to attend the VSLA Conference in .

(Date) (Place)

Local Chapter President’s Signature Local Chapter President’s Printed Name

**Attachments in this order**: (All components should be typed in at least a 12-font size and sent electronically)

1. Candidate’s Vitae

Include: Educational background Professional experience Professional affiliations

Specific contributions to Literacy

1. Three letters of support (one letter must be that of a local chapter member)

## Please note: Packets containing notebooks, more than three letters of support, or any material other than that requested will not be considered.

**James D. Mullins Leadership Award Rubric**

***All applications are scored in a blind format (any identifying information is deleted)***

**Section 1**

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| **Criteria** | **1**  **Provided Insufficient or Nonexistent Evidence** | **2**  **Provided Limited Evidence** | **3**  **Provided Moderate Evidence** | **4**  **Provided Strong Evidence** | **5**  **Provided Very Strong Evidence** | **Total** |
| **The nominee is a strong advocate for literacy, teachers and children** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The nominee has a vision for a school and a school system** |  |  | . |  |  |  |
| **The nominee consistently makes decisions based on a research-based belief system.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The nominee is creative in**  **finding resources to support literacy programs.** | . |  | . | . |  |  |
| **The nominee is a strong supporter of literacy and/or VSLA or other literacy-oriented organizations or groups.** |  |  |  |  | . |  |
| **Total Points** |  |  |  |  |  | /25 |

**Section 2**

1. **Candidate’s vitae completed with the four components 15 points**
2. **Three letters of support completed as according to the instructions 10 points**

**Possible Points from Section 2 25 points**

**Total possible points from Section 1 and Section 2 50 points**