**Intellectual Freedom Award**

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) a division of the American Library Association (ALA) and ProQuest.

**Overview**

The Intellectual Freedom Award is given for upholding the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth by the American Association of School Librarians and the American Library Association.

**Eligibility**

1. Applicant must be personal member of AASL.
2. The recipient has not received another ProQuest, Inc. sponsored Intellectual Freedom Award in the same year.

### ****Criteria****

All applications for the grant will be judged against the following criteria:

1. The recipient shall meet at least one of the following criteria:
   * Has developed and implemented an exemplary selection policy/challenge procedure
   * Has developed an innovative information program on intellectual freedom.
   * Has upheld intellectual freedom principles in the face of a challenge.
   * Has contributed to the literature of the field (print or non-print).
   * Has been active in the establishment and/or continuation of a coalition relating to intellectual freedom at a local, state or national level.
2. At least one supporting letter of reference must accompany the application form.  The reference must substantiate that the applicant has upheld the principles of intellectual freedom, and has met at least one of the criteria listed above. The letter must be submitted by one of the following:
   * District library supervisors.
   * State, county or district school superintendents or building principals.
   * State, district and local library organizations.
   * Directors of curriculum and instruction.
   * Directors of elementary and/or secondary education.
   * State school library supervisors.
   * Local school board members.

Nominations will be accepted by organizations or individuals.

#### Deadline

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA ONLINE APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 1  
ALL APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 4:30 CST ON THE DAY OF THE DEADLINE.**

\*Please note: This downloadable version is for informational purposes only. All applications must be submitted online, via the Apply Now button at the top of the award’s page  
(http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/if).

**AASL Intellectual Freedom Award Application**

Name:

Preferred Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ALA/AASL ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach the following items to your application:**

1. Supporting Letter of Reference (1-2 letters)
2. Supporting Document (1-5 letters)