

**ELIZABETH BRUNS AWARD
INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES**

This is an annual award given in memory of Elizabeth Bruns as a tribute to her love for libraries and children. The award is presented to an elementary, middle, or high school library media specialist to recognize a program that demonstrates exemplary library usage, thereby enhancing the school's learning environment. The recipient must be an active certified working school library media specialist, a current member of the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) and a member of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians (LASL) section of LLA.

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AWARD: A free one year subscription to an online service from Follett Library Resources. Presented annually at the Louisiana Library Association Conference.

CRITERIA:

1. The library program maintains a focus on motivating students and faculty to use the library for information access including research and curriculum and promotes the love of reading.
2. Library activities engage a significant percentage of the student population, including students with reading differences and unmotivated readers.
3. The library's program may include the use of commercial reading programs, electronic card catalog, Internet and research programs, but also includes creative elements that go beyond media access.
4. The library program is sponsored and promoted by the school library media specialist with support from school staff and community.
5. Use of the library has a positive impact on the school's learning environment.

To apply for the award, submit a cover sheet and answers to five (5) questions about your library program. The total application should not exceed four (4) pages, counting the title page.

COVER PAGE FORMAT
ELIZABETH BRUNS AWARD
APPLICATION _____ (YEAR)

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
CITY & ZIP CODE _____ TELEPHONE _____
EMAIL _____
GRADES SERVED _____ SCHOOL ENROLLMENT _____

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

1. Provide an overview of the library program and activities. (1-2 paragraphs)
2. Describe the major components of the library's program, focusing on purpose or goals of each component and the related activity. What is the duration of each component? (How many months each school year is it conducted, and how many years has it existed.) (Maximum: 1 page)
3. Describe the number of students involved, including special and at-risk student participation. (1-2 paragraphs)
4. Discuss how programs are promoted and publicized. How are other staff members, administration, parents, and community involved? (1-2 paragraphs)
5. How is the library program's success measured? What positive impact does the library program have on student reading, use of the library, curriculum integration, student achievement, and community involvement? Specifically, how have you worked to improve those areas of your program? (1-2 paragraphs)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by December 1st of each year. Mail application to the LLA Office, 421 South 4th St, Eunice LA 70535.