

OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR Guidelines and Application Form

Description/Overview:

Each local council in Virginia is challenged to select its “most outstanding reading teacher.” This award recognizes a reading teacher whose commitment to literacy is exemplary and unparalleled.

The Reading Teacher of the Year Committee will review all information received and will determine the State Reading Teacher of the Year. The one selected will receive the OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD with a \$500 cash award.

Eligibility: The candidate must be a member of the local reading council for at least one year prior to selection. The candidate must teach reading a minimum of one-third of each school day to students in grades K-12.

Instructions/Requirements: Identifying information must be omitted from all documentation except required on items 1 and 6:

- 1) Application form with verification completed by the local council president
- 2) The candidate’s vitae (20 points)
- 3) The candidate’s philosophy of reading education (30 points)
- 4) Candidate’s proposal for using the \$500.00 Ofie T. Rubin Reading Teacher of the Year Professional Development Award (20 points)
- 5) Two letters of recommendation- ie. Principal, supervisor, colleague, parent (15 points each)
- 6) A digital photo (jpg file) of the candidate with name, address, and local council

Timeline:

Due Date:	November 15, 2009
Selection Date:	By January 15, 2010
Announcement:	March 2010 at the VSRA 43 rd Annual Conference Virginia Beach, VA

Send your application form to:

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Vinton, VA 24179
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540-353-0706

**OFIE T. RUBIN READING TEACHER
OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

Year _____

Name of Applicant: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone- W _____ **H** _____
E-mail _____ **Fax** _____

Present Position _____

Verification:

I verify that the above named nominee has been a member of the
_____ (Name of Local Council) for at least one
year.

The nominee will be able to attend the VSRA Conference _____ Date, in
_____ (place).

Local Council President's Signature _____

Local Council President's Printed Name _____

Attachments in this order: (All components should be typed in at least a 12 font size. **Candidate's name should only appear on #5.**)

- 1) Candidate's Vitae (20 points) Limit to 2 pages.
 Include: Educational background (5 points)
 Professional experience in the last 5 years (10 points)
 Publications and affiliations (5 points)
- 2) The candidate's philosophy of reading education (30 Points) Limit to 1 page.
- 3) The candidate's proposal for using the \$500.00 Ofie T. Rubin Reaching Teacher of the Year Professional Development Award (20 points) Limit to 1 page.
- 4) Two letters of recommendation-i.e. principal, supervisor, colleague, parent- Limit to 2 pages (15 points each)
- 5) A digital photo (jpg file) of the candidate with name, address, and local council

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AND PHOTO)**