

# International Reading Association

## Presidential Award for Reading and Technology 2008

An annual award designed to honor educators in grades K–12 or equivalent who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education.

Entries will be judged by members of the International Reading Association Technology, Communication, and Literacy Committee.

There will be a grand prize winner, selected as the best application from across all the regions.

Nine additional winners—seven U.S. regional winners (Southeast, Plains, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, West, East, and Great Lakes), one Canadian winner, and one winner outside of North America—also will be selected.

### How to Enter:

1. Write a description of the ways you have used technology to improve the reading and literacy abilities of students in your school. Your program description must be double-spaced and may not exceed three pages.

Your program description must include the following:

- a broad overview of the program and its goals
- student population
- technologies used
- learning activities performed by your students
- results achieved

No videos, CD-ROMs, other media, photographs, or other materials of any kind may be submitted.

2. Complete the application form with a three-page program description and e-mail both as attachments to [exec@reading.org](mailto:exec@reading.org) or mail to **Executive Office**, International Reading Association, PO Box 8139, 800 Barksdale Road, Newark, DE 19714-8139. Entries must be received by November 15, 2007.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

All entrants must be educators who work directly with students ages 5–18 for all or part of the working day.

Educators who work in public, parochial, or private elementary, middle, or high schools in the United States are eligible for the U.S. regional awards. Educators who work with students ages 5–18 in a public or private school in Canada are eligible for the Canadian award. Educators in all other countries, including U.S. Territories and APO schools, are eligible for the international award. All entries are eligible for the grand prize.

The program being described must be complete as of the date of the application. No programs planned for future implementation will be accepted.

Entries incorporating any brand of computers, operating systems, software applications, and other technologies such as TV or video are acceptable.

**Judging:**

Judges reserve the right not to award all prizes if the quality of entrants does not merit awards.

Committee recommendations are subject to approval by the International Reading Association Board of Directors. Entries become the property of the International Reading Association and will not be returned.

**Promotional Agreement:**

Winners agree to allow the International Reading Association to use their application, name, picture, voice, and/or likeness for editorial or promotional purposes, and to publish summary information about the winning projects on their websites, within publications and brochures.

The International Reading Association will notify the winners by letter in February 2008.

**Applications:**

Applications are available from the International Reading Association website [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org) or by e-mail [exec@reading.org](mailto:exec@reading.org).

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Application Form

Please complete the following information with a three-page program description.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

School Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grades Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Three-Page Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Administrator to be Notified of Winning Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School District (or equivalent): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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