**FLAM**

**2020 World Languages Innovation Award**

FLAM is soliciting nominations for a new award called the World Language Innovation Award. The award will be presented at the FLAM annual fall conference. The award honors members of the foreign language teaching profession for outstanding innovations and related achievements in the classroom with students. One award is given each year to an elementary, secondary or post-secondary educator in Missouri.

The selection process involves the collection of three sets of documents:

1. a letter of nomination, with the nominee's name, current address, and e-mail address, briefly describing the innovations and related achievements of the individual and identifying the academic level (elementary, secondary or post-secondary) taught by the nominee,
2. a résumé/curriculum vitae compiled by the nominee, and
3. three letters of recommendation written on the nominee's behalf.

I. Criteria for Nomination

Nomination may be made only by current FLAM members and may not be submitted by nominees themselves. Nominees must be current FLAM members in good standing. Nominees must have a minimum of one year of experience as a foreign language educator at any academic level (elementary, middle school, high school, or post-secondary).

II. Information on the Nominee

 The following information is required:

 A. Educational background

 B. Teaching experience

 C. Recent travel relevant to teaching

 D. Membership in other professional organizations

 E. Professional achievements:

 Activities and contributions, especially involving service to school

 foreign language programs in curriculum development, assessment, or

outreach in support of World Languages

 F. Self-statement by the nominee, including philosophy of teaching, importance

 of foreign language study, successful qualities of teaching and professional

involvement, description of the innovations, reasons for them, their goals, benefits and the effect of the innovation on World Languages in the nominee’s school/district.

 G. Level for which nominee is being nominated (elementary, secondary, post-

 secondary).

III. Letters of Recommendation

A minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted and may come from any of the following sources: school principal, school district supervisor, department chairperson, deans, colleagues, or current and former students.

The nominator must arrange for delivery of all documents. All materials need to be submitted electronically in PDF format to:

**Haydee Taylor-Arnold - FLAM President-Elect and Grant/Award Chair**

**haydeetaylor@hotmail.com**

The deadline for letters of nomination for the World Language Innovation Award is **March 15, 2020.**

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| Award Criteria | Excellent3 points | Good2 points | Inadequate1 point |
| Need for the Innovation/s | Specific needidentified | Some needidentified | Need not clearlyidentified |
| Goal of the Innovation/s | Clearly articulatedoutcomes defined | Some discussion ofproject outcomes | Outcomes unclear |
| Benefit to Students | Clear tie toincreased studentachievement withreplicationpossibilities | Some tie toincreased studentachievement withreplicationpossibilities | Beneficial to onlyone or two classesof students |
| Benefit to Teacher/FLAMMembers | Clear benefit thatextends beyondindividual teacherto FLAMmembership | Some tie withexponential benefit | Innovation beneficialonly to immediateteacher andparticipants |
| ProposalAppearance | Proposal is neatlytyped with nogrammatical orspelling errors | Proposal isgenerallyprofessional informat | Proposal lacksprofessionalappearance |
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