**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 | Excellent  3 points | Good  2 points | Inadequate  1 point |
| Need for the  Innovation/s | Specific need  identified | Some need  identified | Need not clearly  identified |
| Goal of the  Innovation/s | Clearly articulated  outcomes defined | Some discussion of  project outcomes | Outcomes  unclear |
| Benefit to  Students | Clear tie to  increased student  achievement with  replication  possibilities | Some tie to  increased student  achievement with  replication  possibilities | Beneficial to only  one or two classes  of students |
| Benefit to  Teacher/FLAM  Members | Clear benefit that  extends beyond  individual teacher  to FLAM  membership | Some tie with  exponential benefit | Innovation beneficial  only to immediate  teacher and  participants |
| Proposal  Appearance | Proposal is neatly  typed with no  grammatical or  spelling errors | Proposal is  generally  professional in  format | Proposal lacks  professional  appearance |
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