



## Heart of a Champion Award

(sponsored by the Walter H. Kaiser Award)

**Background:** The Heart of a Champion Award was established in 2012 and updated in 2019 by the Michigan Library Association.

**Purpose:** The Heart of a Champion Award was established in 2012 to recognize an outstanding library supporter who has shown an exceptional commitment to libraries and/or the library profession. Candidates could include: trustees, Friends members, individuals or businesses that support their local community library, or strategic partners. (Note: Legislators and state or federal government elected officials should be nominated for the MLA Legislator of the Year Award.)

### Nomination Form

#### Nominees should be able to demonstrate they have:

- a commitment to the library profession through persistent advocacy at the local, state, or national level, or
- contributed time, talent or resources that resulted in the enhancement, improvement, or recognition of library service in the State of Michigan, or
- been instrumental in supporting or providing funding for the local library (e.g. promoted library millage, actively supported regional or statewide funding for libraries), or
- supported the Michigan Library Association activities.

#### Nomination packet should include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's contact information (name, address, phone, email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's contact information (name, address, phone, email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of nomination
- \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum of one letter of support
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Supporting Documentation (as appropriate)

#### Nomination letter should tell the awards group:

- Nominee's professional background, recognition, work history, membership, and any other information you would like to include
- Reason for nominating individual, group, or strategic partner for this award
- In the field of qualified candidates, what makes this nominee stand out?
- Event, project, or situation that illustrates your reason for this nomination

**NOMINATION PACKETS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA MLA'S WEBSITE**

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**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1**