



# Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth

**Purpose:** Established in 1978, the Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth is named in honor of a former Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association because of her exemplary library service to teens in our state. The award is given annually to a Michigan library staff person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of library service to youth (ages 0–18) throughout their career.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who is currently employed by a library in Michigan and has at least three years of experience in a public library may be nominated for the award.

## **Qualifications:**

- The nominee must be an employee of a library in Michigan.
- The nominee must have at least three years of experience in a public library.
- The nominee must have provided significant service to youth, ages 0–18, through a library that connected youth to the library in at least one of the following ways: innovative programming; service on a committee; contributing research; presenting at a workshop; or developing materials for a workshop.
- A degree in library and information science is optional.
- A Michigan Librarian's Professional Certificate is optional.

## **Nomination packet should include:**

- Nominee's contact information (name, library affiliation, address, phone, email address)
- Nominator's contact information (name, address, phone, email address) (self-nominations are accepted.)
- Letter of nomination
- Minimum of one letter of support, maximum of three letters of support
- Maximum of three pages of other supporting documentation as appropriate

## **Nomination letter should tell the awards workgroup:**

- Reason for nominating individual for this specific award
- Events, projects, or circumstances that illustrate the reason for this nomination
- Current and previous professional position(s), educational qualifications, professional organization memberships and offices, community activities, awards or recognitions, and any other relevant information.
- In a field of qualified candidates, what makes this nominee stand out?
- Nominee's involvement in the Michigan Library Association

## **Nomination packet should be submitted via MLA's website:**

<https://www.milibraries.org/call-for-nominations-mla-awards>

**Send questions to:** [mla@milibraries.org](mailto:mla@milibraries.org)

**Nomination deadline for 2022 Award:** June 30, 2022

**Amount of award:** \$100

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