

Judging Criteria for the Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year Award

Judge's Name: _____

As a judge, you are looking for evidence that the following eight categories have been met. This should be evident in the letter of recommendation, their resume, or their narrative. Look for examples cited in any of these three. This is their evidence of fulfilling these judging categories. If an applicant is providing only their philosophy of involving parents and community as partners, for example, and not citing any examples of how they have accomplished this, he/she should receive a score of 1 in this category. A score of five indicates going above and beyond what is expected in a normal media program. You will need to judge what constitutes going above and beyond the norm when scoring in each category.

Applicant Name: _____

School Name: _____

Category	Judging Criteria	Comments	Points
Vision	The philosophy, vision, and/or mission for media program is clearly stated and effective.		/5
Instructional Partnership	There is strong evidence of collaborative partnerships that positively impact teachers and students.		/5
The Role of Reading	There is strong evidence that the library media specialist promotes a culture of reading through programs and/or promotions.		/5
Information and Technology Literacy	Incorporation of educational technology into the library media program is evident with clear examples.		/5
Instructional Leadership	The media specialist develops and implements a shared vision for the library media program through collaborating with other instructional leaders.		/5
Effective Practices for Research	Students' research skills are developed through practice, instruction, and/or resources.		/5
Positive Learning Environment	The learning environment in the library media center supports instruction, collaboration, and is tailored to the needs of the students.		/5
Professionalism	There is strong evidence of participation in professional development and contributions to the larger community of library media specialists.		/5
		Total	/40