

NLA AWARDS-CRITERIA

Fellowship of the Nigerian Library Association (FNLA) Award.

The prestigious award of the fellowship of the Nigerian Library Association (FNLA), was instituted in 1989 to honour members who have distinguished themselves in their professional practice. The criteria to be considered are:-

- * Must have at least 10 years post qualification experience.
- * Must have contributed to extending the frontiers of knowledge in the library and information profession, such as through professional publications or in other ways that may be approved by the Council.
- * Must be seen to be participating actively in the Association's activities. He/she must have held at least one Executive position at the state/national level.
- * Must be a financial member of the Association, and must have paid his dues for 10 consecutive years.
- * Must have high integrity and good conduct such that he/she will not bring the name of the Association to disrepute.
- * Should have made other outstanding innovations in the profession.
- * Should have held important national/international appointments or carried out other important national assignments.
- * Any other useful information.

Eminent Service Award

The Award was instituted in 1991 to honour individuals adjudged to have rendered meritorious service to the Library and Information profession. Awardees may not be Librarians.

Merit Award

The award was instituted in 1998 to honour individuals or organizations outside the profession adjudged to have rendered meritorious service to the Library and Information profession.

Criteria for the Eminent Service and Merit Awards:

- * Must have contributed to promoting the practice of the library, archival and information profession.
- * Must have made some outstanding innovation or contributions to the profession

- * Must have held other important national/international assignments.
- * Must be actively supportive of the Association's activities at local and national levels.
- * Must have high integrity and good standing in the society.
- * Any other information.

Procedure for Applying for NLA Awards.

The National Secretary shall send out information to all State Chapter Chairmen/Chairmen of Sections specifying the method of application, the criteria and the closing date. The information shall also be publicized in the Association's newsletter, Website (<http://nla-ng.org>) and on-line Forum (nla-online-forum@yahoo.com). In so doing, the National Secretary shall invite applications from all members.

Individual members of the Association can nominate themselves or any other member (this is to remove the element of bias). State Chapters and Sections can also nominate a person(s) for Award(s).

In screening applicants, the Committee shall seek relevant information from the Honorary Treasurer, Chapter Chairmen, colleagues who have worked closely with the applicant and the general public.

The applicant **MUST** include the following:

- * A cover letter justifying why the nominee should be given the Award and how the activities of the nominee meet the stated criteria.
 - * A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae (copies of relevant certificates are not necessary).
 - * A completed Application Form
 - * Evidence of being chartered/application
- The Application should be sent directly to:

**The National Secretary,
Nigerian Library Association,
C/o National Library of Nigeria HQ,
Sanusi Dantata House, C.B.D.
PMB 1, Abuja, Nigeria**

Best State Chapter Award

1. Membership Strength

- Estimated (No. of Librarians in the State)
- Institutional (Estimated no. of Libraries in the State)
- Paid up personal members
- Paid up Institutional members
- Membership drive
- Subscription paid to the NLA (40% of membership dues)

2. Chapter Meetings

- Executive Committee Meetings (At least 4 times a year)
- Mid-term/OGM (At least once a year)
- Annual General Meetings
- Attendance
- Minutes of Meetings

3. Library Week

- Observed
- Activities

4. Conference/Workshop

- Attendance
- Workshop Output
- Workshop Report
- Remittance to National body (40% of Profit)

5. Publications

- Newspaper clippings
- Electronic media
- Albums-Fliers, Stickers etc
- Newsletters
- Journals
- Monographs
- Pamphlets
- Cassettes/CDs
- Constitution

6. Innovations that distinguish the Chapter from others

Best State Public Library Services Award

- * Level of interaction with Government.
- * Library Board
- * Physical Achievement
 - Number of Branches
 - Infrastructure
 - Stock
 - Staff (Members qualifications and categories)
- * Board Membership
- * Level of computerisation
- * Internet connectivity
- * Budget Allocation
 - Operational
 - Capital
- * Readership Promotion Campaign
- * Innovations
- * Support for NLA
- * Publications (Journals, Newsletters, etc)

Best Section Award

- * Membership strength
- * Activities (Workshops, Seminars etc.)
- * Number of Executive Meetings held with supportive evidence.

*Innovation introduced
Contribution to NLA

*Publications (journals, Newsletters etc.)

E.B. Bankole Librarian of the

Year Award *(the award which attracts a certificate and grant of ₦20, 000 was instituted by Alh. Muazu Wali*

*Award is given for activities carried out by Librarians with not more than five years experience.

*Must have participated actively in the Associations activities for those years.

*Must have contributed to promoting the Library and Information profession for those years.

*Must be a financial member of the Association, and must have paid his/her dues for 3 consecutive years.

*Should have made outstanding innovations in the year under consideration

*Must have high integrity and good conduct.

Award for Young Library & Information Professionals (yLIPs)

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA) invites all young qualified members to apply for sponsorship to the NLA national Conference/Annual General Meeting. The Award which recognizes the importance of developing young Library and Information Professionals (yLIPs) in Nigeria was instituted by the NLA in 2006.

The annual award is presented to a promising yLIP who possesses leadership qualities, problem-solving abilities and great potential for the future. The award includes full sponsorship to the conference: accommodation, transportation, feeding and registration.

Criteria for Selection of Candidates:

- Must be financial member of NLA for at least the last two consecutive years (2007-2008).
- Must have acquired at least a Professional diploma or first degree in Library and Information Science from any recognized higher institution.
- Must not be more than 35 years of

age as at the time of award and not more than five years post qualification experience.

- Any other related information.

Mode of Application:

- A completed application form
- A cover letter stating why you should be given the Award what you intend to get out of the conference and how colleagues would benefit from your participation at the conference.
- A copy of your curriculum vitae.

Dr. James O. Daniel Award for the most Innovative Library-Based ICT Project of the Year 2008

The annual award, instituted by Dr. James O. Daniel, recognizes and honours a professional librarian in Nigeria who has demonstrated vision and leadership through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to promote the profession. This annual award which is to encourage the individual Librarian in the innovative use of ICTs to Library and Information Services (LIS) with demonstrable impact on the library world was instituted by Dr. Daniel in 2006.

A cash award of twenty thousand (N20, 000) naira and a plaque will be presented to the successful candidate at the annual conference of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA).

Criteria for Selection:

- Must not have more than 10 years post professional qualification work experience.
- Must be a Chartered Librarian.
- Must be a financial member of the NLA for the last three consecutive years (2006-2008).
- Must have made outstanding innovations in the profession in 2008 in the area of ICT application to library and information services.
- Must be actively supportive of the Association's activities at the local and national levels.
- Any other information that may assist the award committee arrive at a decision

Who should nominate:

- Any financial member of the NLA who is a Chartered Librarian as well as

Chairmen of State Chapters and Sections.

How To Apply:

- Complete the application form
- Write a cover letter justifying why you should be given the Award
- Present supporting documentation, where necessary, to substantiate the claims.

Dr. T.M Salisu Award for the "Most Published Librarian"

The Nigerian Library Association is pleased to announce a new award instituted by Dr. T. M. Salisu to be given to the "Most Published Librarian"

The award is basically to encourage particularly young librarians and interested members irrespective of age to publish.

The grant recognizes the importance of writing well-researched papers for publishing which is the platform for genuine interest in contributing to the development of the profession.

Criteria for Selection of Candidates

- Must be a financial member of the Nigerian Library Association for at least three consecutive years.
- Must have published in recognized journals, books, etc.
- The published articles, chapters in books, etc must have been highly innovative and have impacted the profession positively.
- Any other related information.

Mode of Application

- A completed application form.
- A cover letter stating the main contributions to learning.
- Attach all titles of published work, names of journals, year of publication,
- A copy of your Curriculum Vitae
- Any other relevant information

