

The Pat Barr-Harrison New Teacher Award for Professional Development

Purpose

The Pat Barr-Harrison New Teacher Award for Professional Development is GWATFL's way of honoring former Supervisor of Foreign Languages of Prince George's County Public Schools, Pat Barr-Harrison. The purpose of this award is to recognize the work of an outstanding new foreign language teacher by enabling him/her to attend the Northeast Conference in the year of award. A flat award of \$300.00 will cover registration to the conference with the rest to be applied to travel expenses.

Criteria for Application

"New Teacher" applies to a person who, at the time of application for the Pat Barr-Harrison award,

1. is new to the FL teaching profession within the last three-five years.
2. is in the third, fourth or fifth year of FL teaching.
3. is a GWATFL member in good standing.

The new teacher demonstrates/has demonstrated that (s)he is:

- familiar with current approaches to foreign language teaching.
- able to apply the Foreign Language Standards in the classroom.
- able to recognize student/class needs and meet them.
- able to maintain a class atmosphere conducive to learning.
- sensitive to learning difficulties.
- involved in language-related professional activities.

Application Process:

Recommendations / applications for the award can be made by a school administrator, a colleague, or the teacher him/herself. Applicants and/or nominators should send a statement that reflects how the nominee excels in aforementioned criteria. Proper documentation strengthens your application.

Evaluation

Applications will receive scores for each of the aforementioned criteria. The GWATFL PBH Awards Committee will select the teacher who receives the highest score in the evaluation process. That person will be notified in February of their selection as the official award recipient.

Requirements

Award recipients will agree to do at least one of the following after the conference:

- a. Write an article about the award experience for the GWATFL newsletter
- b. Write a letter to GWATFL explaining what the award meant for them

Send applications **by February 1, 2009** to: GWATFL Awards, Jennifer Love, senorajenniferlove@gmail.com or Victor Vincent, vvincent@gds.org