



Leslie Birkland Award – Nomination Guidelines

Qualities: This lifetime achievement award is for teachers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and long term contributions to Japanese language education.

History: Leslie Birkland pioneered the establishment of WATJ and NCJLT (Japanese Council for Japanese Language Teaching), and worked on setting National Standards for Japanese language education. Her dedication, leadership ability and achievements continue to inspire and influence countless Japanese Language Teachers in classrooms around the country.

Eligibility: The candidate must: (1) Be a current WATJ member for at least one year.
(2) Be nominated by a WATJ member (no self-nominations accepted).
(3) fulfill the desired QUALITIES of the award.

Ineligible: Previous award recipients; current WATJ Board members; non-WATJ members.

Nomination Process: Any member of WATJ may submit the following nomination (self nominations will not be accepted.)

1. Nomination Form
2. Description of the candidate & activities *

* Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership and long-term contributions to Japanese language education.

Selection Process: WATJ members may nominate members who fulfill the goals and eligibility requirements of the reward. The final decision will be made by the general membership through a vote. In the case of a tie, the WATJ Board will make the final decision.

Recognitions: \$200 WATJ grant
Award recipient will be nominated for the NCJLT Teacher Award

Timeline:
December 31, 2005 Nomination Deadline
January 17, 2006 Members Election/Decision
February 11, 2006 Announcement of Award at:
General Membership Annual Conference

Send Submissions to: Leslie Birkland Award
c/o Hyogo Business & Cultural Center
2001 Sixth Ave, Suite 2610
Seattle, WA 98121

Questions? Direct to Erin Erickson, HBCC (206) 728-0610 or erin@hyogobcc.com



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Nomination Form

For WATJ teachers who demonstrate:

“Outstanding leadership and long-term contributions to Japanese language education.”

Application Deadline: December 31, 2005

I would like to NOMINATE the following person for this Award:			

(Last)	(First)	(Middle- <i>Optional</i>)	
School Name _____		Grade Level(s): _____	
Is the nominee a WATJ Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Does he/she fit all eligibility requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know

<i>Your information:</i>	
Name: _____	School: _____
Tel: _____	Email: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
Signature: _____	Relation to nominee: _____

Please attach a description of the candidate as a Japanese language teacher with respect to the following factors on a separate piece of paper (max. 400 words). Please provide specific examples.

- Strong advocacy and leadership in Japanese language education
- Long-term contributions to Japanese language education (ie: community, classroom, among Japanese language teachers, etc)

Send completed nomination form to:

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