

2010 ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NYSEC PROGRAMS AND AWARDS

The New York State English Council understands that educators involved with professional organizations are more informed about current information on national and local programs and initiatives. The programs and awards supported by NYSEC provide opportunities for professional leadership, promote excellence in English education, and foster collegiality and camaraderie among ELA educators throughout New York State. These programs and awards are the heart of our mission. These programs and awards help keep NYSEC educators informed, enthusiastic, and unified. We encourage everyone to help us celebrate the outstanding teachers, students, mentors, and programs that we have in districts all across the state. Please visit the website where each letter and application is available in digital format: **www.nysecteach.org**.

Programs of Excellence:

Awards presented to exemplary ELA programs, which support creative instruction and learning, that have been in place for at least three years.

Educators of Excellence:

Educators nominated by colleagues who inspire excellence in students as well as teachers.

Mini-grants:

\$500 grants awarded to members who are willing to create, explore, enrich or research instruction in English Language Arts at each level: elementary, middle, high school, college, and administration/supervision.

Natalie Robisch Memorial Scholarship Award:

Named after a long-time member of NYSEC, this award honors a graduate student working toward a degree in English Education.

Dr. Ruth E. Everett Award:

Named after a former NYSEC President and Executive Board member, this award honors one or more cooperating teachers who have mentored future English Language Arts teachers in their student teaching or intern programs.

In celebration of the programs and awards' recipients, NYSEC holds an Awards Ceremony every year at the NYSEC Annual Conference, held in Albany, during October. All mailing, due dates, and application information are available online at **www.nysecteach.org**.



THE NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH COUNCIL

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December 2009

Dear Colleague:

In 1991 the New York State English Council instituted a program to recognize Outstanding English/Language Arts Programs throughout New York State. We are looking for unique and effective programs which have been in place for *at least three years* and which have enriched English Language Arts instruction by offering creative opportunities for students and teachers.

The chosen programs will be designated "Programs of Excellence" and will be announced in June 2010. School district representatives will be presented with these awards at our 2010 NYSEC Conference at The Desmond in Albany, New York. The program winners will also be publicized in the NYSEC newsletter as well as in local and state newspapers. The winners will also present a workshop at the 2010 Conference.

We are sure you will want your district to be a participant in this program, which will enable you to share with other educators the innovative and exciting educational experiences offered in your schools.

Please share the enclosed application and information with appropriate school personnel. We hope you will support your district's application and encourage your professional staff to become members of and active participants in the New York State English Council.

Sincerely,

Lucille Ogden
President-elect, NYSEC

NYSEC PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Postmarked by: March 21, 2010

Submit to: Lucille Ogden

Application form (*Please type*)

Title of Program: _____

Date of Implementation: _____

2. Location of exemplary English Language Arts Program:

School Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip _____

Telephone: () _____

3. Name, address and phone number of **NYSEC member in the program** who will act as the contact person:

Name: _____ Telephone () _____

School Address: _____

Summer Address _____

Summer Phone and email: _____

4. Signature and name of appropriate school official authorizing this application (e.g., principal, assistant superintendent, superintendent):

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Telephone () _____

5. Name of school district or diocese _____

Mailing address: (if different from above)

(city) (state) (zip)

6. Demographic information:

- a. Public school _____ Private school _____
- b. Number of students in the school _____
Number of students in the school system _____
- c. Number _____ and grade level(s) _____ of students in nominated program
- d. Approximate ethnic makeup of student body in school:
_____ % Caucasian _____ % Latino _____ % Asian American
_____ % African American _____ % Native American _____ % other
- e. Which of the following terms apply to the school:
____ 1. Urban inner-city
____ 2. Urban (above 250,000 general population)
____ 3. Urban (10,000-249,999 general population)
____ 4. Small town (up to 10,000 general population)
____ 5. Suburban (adjacent to urban center)
____ 6. Rural
____ 7. Other (please describe)
- f. Approximate per-pupil expenditure in the district \$ _____
- g. Approximate minutes per week of teacher in-school planning time: _____
- h. Approximate class sizes in program: _____

7. Last day of classes, spring term _____

8. District is willing to present at **October 2010** conference? Yes/ No

If "Yes" Name of Contact Person _____

Number where contact can be reached: () _____

9. Description of program: (limit to one page only)

- Curriculum outline with rationale, objectives and units of study
- Outcomes for students
- Evaluation design
- Samples of teacher and student work (assignments/projects/handouts). Attach supporting documentation.
- Supporting documentation should be contained in nothing larger than a one-inch 3 ring binder.

Postmarked by:

March 21, 2010

Submit to:

Lucille Ogden

26 Bobolink Lane

Salt Point, New York 12578



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Dear Colleague:

Each year the New York State English Council recognizes excellence in teaching by presenting awards at its annual conference to English Language Arts educators nominated by their schools and then selected by the Council. The 2010 Conference theme is “**New Literacies for a New Age: Teaching with the Tools of Our Times.**”

We are inviting you to submit the name of an educator from your school whose work is particularly noteworthy. Only **one nomination** per building and/or level (elementary, middle, secondary, college and administration/supervision) may be submitted. There must be a NYSEC member in the school/district. The nominee must:

- Be a full-time educator
- Be currently employed and
- Have **at least three years** teaching or administrative/supervisory experience.

In submitting your nomination the following documentation is necessary:

- The completed nomination form
- **Three** letters of recommendation: one each from an administrator, a peer, and a student (present or former)
- A portfolio to support the nomination. This collection should include two or three samples of teaching plans for units, projects and/or special assignments. Work done as part of a team should be clearly documented indicating the candidate’s role.
- Samples of student work and publications authored by the nominee are also welcome but not required.
- Supporting documentation should be contained in nothing larger than a one-inch three ring binder.

It is the responsibility of the nominator to submit all materials at the same time. The nomination form and documentation must be submitted by **March 21, 2010**. All materials become the property of NYSEC unless they are retrieved at Friday’s Awards Luncheon.

The Council will honor winners at a luncheon at the annual NYSEC Conference on **Friday, October 22, 2010** at The Desmond, Albany, NY. Thank you for your efforts in presenting credentials for your nominee for an Educator of Excellence Award.

Sincerely,

Dr. Louisa Kramer-Vida
2010 Conference Chair

NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH COUNCIL

EDUCATORS OF EXCELLENCE

2010 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Submission must be postmarked by March 21, 2010
Submit to appropriate Vice President at Addresses Below

Name of Nominee _____ Position _____

Presently Teaching at _____

Level: Elementary _____ Middle _____ Secondary _____ College _____ Administration _____

School/College Address _____

Business Phone () _____ County _____

Nominee's Home Address _____

Professional Memberships: NCTE _____ NYSEC _____ Other _____

E-mailAddress _____

Nominator _____ Position _____

Nominator's School Address: _____

Nominator's Home Address: _____

Business Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____

Name of NYSEC Member in school/district _____

Submit nominations to the appropriate vice president. Please postmark by March 21, 2010

ELEMENTARY

Rick Kugler
252 N. Baldwin Street
Johnson City, NY 13790

MIDDLE

Rick Kugler
252 N. Baldwin Street
Johnson City, NY 13790

SECONDARY

Lucille Ogden
26 Bobolink Lane
Salt Point, New York 12578

COLLEGE

Kjersti VanSlyke-Briggs
57 West Main Street
Sidney, New York 13838

ADMINISTRATION/SUPERVISION

Victor Jaccarino
Herricks High School
100 Shelter Rock Road
New Hyde Park, New York 11040

Educators of Excellence Award

Nomination Documentation Checklist

Please check off each item below to ensure that the application is correct and complete. Then forward the entire application to the Vice President in charge of the grade level (administration, college, secondary, middle, elementary) for which the educator is employed.

A. The nominee **must**:

- Be a full-time educator
- Be currently employed
- Have at least **three** years teaching or administrative experience

B. The nomination **must** include the following documentation:

- The completed nomination form
- Three letters of recommendation (one each from an administrator/supervisor, a peer, and a student, present or former)
- A portfolio to support the nomination. This collection should include *two* or *three* samples of teaching plans for units, projects and/or special assignments. Work done as part of a team should be clearly documented including the candidate's role.

The portfolio should be no more than a one-inch, three-ring binder.
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- Samples of student work and publications authored by the nominee are also welcome, but not required.

C. Please include:

- NYSEC member's name from your school/district

Submit nominations to the appropriate vice president; postmarked by March 21, 2010



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Dear Colleague:

The New York State English Council is pleased to announce its fourteenth annual Mini-Grant Awards Program. The objective of this program is to award a **\$500 grant** at each of the following levels—elementary, middle, high school, college, and administration/supervision—to **NYSEC** members who are willing to create, explore, or enrich instruction in English Language Arts. Mini-grant projects could address:

Multicultural literature	Technology in the ELA classroom
Teacher education	Research in the teaching of reading, writing, listening, speaking
Staff development	Interdisciplinary studies
Alternative assessment	Integration of the language arts
Teaching children at risk	Inclusion of children with special needs
Work with the standards	

To apply, NYSEC members **must**:

- Complete an application and a two-page description
 - Submit a basic budget identifying how the \$500 will be spent
- (Grant money can be used for professional time, travel, materials, administrative costs, books, and materials.)

**Submit applications by March 21, 2010 to: Terry Tiernan
488 Brady Road
Madrid, New York 13660**

Winners of the Mini-Grant Awards will be notified in June 2010 and will receive their grants by June 30, 2010. Projects should begin no later than September 30, 2010. Award winners **must** present their programs at the October 2011 Conference **OR** submit manuscripts describing their programs to the 2010-2011 *English Record* as a condition of receiving the Mini-Grant Award.

In keeping with NYSEC's commitment to excellence, innovation, and creativity in the teaching of English Language Arts, we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Terry Tiernan
Past President, NYSEC

**NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH COUNCIL MINI-GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM**

Postmark by: March 21, 2010

Send to: Terry Tiernan
488 Brady Road
Madrid, New York 13660

Name _____
Home Address _____
Position _____ E-Mail Address: _____
School Name _____
District _____
School Address _____
City _____ County _____ Zip _____
School Phone _____ Home Phone _____
Name/Address of Local Newspaper _____
Grade and subject levels you teach or serve _____
Name of NYSEC member in school/district _____

PROJECT PLAN SECTION:

Please attach a two-page project plan that contains the following information:

- **The purpose of your project**
- **Your objectives**
- **How the students you serve will be involved in the project**
- **Your anticipated outcomes and methods of evaluation**
- **How you will spend the \$500 grant (including a separate budget explanation)**

As a recipient of this grant, I will submit a final written report summarizing the project and its outcomes to the NYSEC Executive Board by June 2, 2011, submit an expense report, and be willing to share my experience through a workshop at the 2010 NYSEC Conference OR a written manuscript for the 2010-2011 *The English Record*.

Please sign where applicable

Applicant's Signature

Date

Principal's Signature

Date

Superintendent's Signature

Date



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Dear Colleague:

NYSEC is proud of the **Natalie Robisch Memorial Scholarship** in honor of Natalie Robisch, a long-time ELA educator known for her dedicated service, inspirational leadership, and educational vision for the teaching profession and the English Council. This scholarship will be awarded to a New York State graduate student working toward an advanced degree in English education. The student may be matriculated full-time or part-time. Enclosed is an application form you may use to nominate prospective candidates.

Your role as nominator will be to coordinate the completion and mailing of the nomination forms. Please return the application postmarked by **March 21, 2010**.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to support highly qualified educators in their graduate Secondary English programs.

Sincerely,

Terry Tiernan
Past President, NYSEC

NATALIE ROBISCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The nominator will submit all four (4) parts to:

**Terry Tiernan
488 Brady Road
Madrid, New York 13660**

All entries must be postmarked by March 21, 2010.

\$1,000. will be awarded to one New York State graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in undergraduate/graduate studies and who intends to pursue a career as a secondary English teacher. Payments will be sent directly to student: \$500 upon receipt of proof of matriculation in a graduate program, and \$500 upon receipt of proof of completion of the graduate program.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

Applicant must be enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of graduate studies leading to a degree in English education.

- Applicant must intend to teach or continue to teach on the secondary English level.
- A NYSEC member must nominate the candidate; however, self-nomination by a NYSEC member is acceptable.
- Selection will be based on student data, writing samples, and recommendations. Financial need is not a factor.
- Each entry must include:
 1. A form completed by the applicant
 2. **Two** recommendations selected from the following: a former or present administrator in the place of the applicant's employment, OR a college professor in the undergraduate or graduate English/education programs, OR a cooperating teacher
 3. A sample of the applicant's writing (not a research paper)
 4. Official copies of the applicant's undergraduate transcript AND graduate school transcript or letter of acceptance into a graduate school for English education.

The winner and nominator will be notified in early June 2010. Names of the recipients will be announced in the September issue of *NYSEC NEWS*. The recipient will be honored at the NYSEC conference in October of 2010.

NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH COUNCIL
NATALIE ROBISCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by applicant and given to English Language Arts teacher sponsor.

Student _____

Home Address _____

School Address _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name/Address of Local Newspaper _____

Name of NYSEC member: _____

Send to: **Terry Tiernan**
488 Brady Road
Madrid, New York 13660

Postmarked by: **March 21, 2010**

- In 300-500 words, please tell us about yourself, giving particular attention to why you want to become a secondary English teacher and what special contributions you can make to the teaching profession.
- Attach a sample of your writing (not a research paper) and sign your name indicating that this sample is your work.

Signature of Student

Date

NATALIE ROBISCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application Checklist

All of the following items must be included in the application and submitted together:

- A completed application form
- Two** recommendations selected from the following:
 - a former or present administrator in the place of the applicant's employment **OR**
 - a college professor in the undergraduate/graduate English/education program **OR**
 - a cooperating teacher
- A sample of my writing (not a research paper)
- Official copy of my undergraduate transcript
- Official copy of my graduate school transcript or letter of acceptance into a graduate school for English education
- Name of NYSEC member (either the applicant or the nominator)

<p style="text-align: center;">In order to expedite the process, please do not mail materials requiring the recipient's signature.</p>

Send to: **Terry Tiernan**
488 Brady Road
Madrid, New York 13660

Must be postmarked by March 21, 2010



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Dear Colleagues:

Each year, the New York State English Council honors one or more cooperating teachers and/or mentors who have mentored future English language arts teachers in student teaching or intern programs. This award is in memory of Dr. Ruth E. Everett, a longtime NYSEC member and Past President, who was an outstanding mentor for future English language arts teachers in her forty-three year career teaching in New York City schools and at SUNY Oswego.

We are inviting you to submit the name of a cooperating teacher/mentor who has worked with your college/university in a particularly noteworthy way. Only one nomination from each college may be submitted. The nominee must be a full-time English language arts educator who has served five years as a cooperating teacher for at least five student teachers or three years as a cooperating mentor with a year-long intern program. The educator may teach at the elementary, middle, or secondary level. The Council will honor award winners at a luncheon at the annual NYSEC Conference on October 22, 2010 in Albany, NY.

It is the responsibility of the nominator to submit all materials at the same time.

Sincerely,

Kjersti VanSlyke-Briggs
Vice President for College, NYSEC

RUTH E. EVERETT AWARD
Criteria and checklist

The nominee must:

- Have skill in assisting student teachers/intern to become independent
- Have the ability to encourage reflection through various means
- Have skill in giving constructive and appropriate feedback to student teachers/interns
- Exhibit good modeling
- Have interpersonal skills to be able to communicate effectively with the student teachers/interns
- Have expertise in establishing an environment to enable student teachers/interns to take risks
- Be a teacher who is professionally engaged and active in professional programs
- Have the ability to promote awareness of professional responsibilities outside the immediate classroom
- Have a commitment to his/her profession and higher education teacher programs

In submitting your nomination, the following documentation is necessary:

- A completed nomination form
- A letter of recommendation from the assigned college supervisor, the college student teaching/intern coordinator, or the college department chairperson
- A letter of recommendation from a student/intern, another building teacher, a curriculum supervisor, or the building principal
- A willingness to be interviewed by the committee, if requested.

**NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH COUNCIL
RUTH E. EVERETT AWARD
2010 AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee _____

Position _____

Presently teaching at _____
(Name of school)

Level: **Elementary** **Middle** **Secondary**

Nominee's School address _____

Nominee's home address: _____

School phone _____ Nominee's e-mail _____

Membership: **NCTE** **NYSEC** **Other** _____

Nominator _____

Position _____

Nominator's school address _____

Nominator's home address: _____

Nominator's phone number _____ e-mail _____

Submit nomination and documentation to:

**Kjersti VanSlyke-Briggs
57 West Main Street
Sidney, New York 13838**

All entries must be postmarked by March 21, 2010