

New Jersey State Library | Multicultural Program Award 2018

Application Guidelines

What is the Purpose?

The purpose of the Multicultural Program Award is to recognize and encourage library programs that increase understanding and promote multiculturalism in New Jersey's public libraries. The ultimate goal of this award is for libraries to develop long-term partnerships with community organizations that result in sustainable cultural programming. Successful applicants are required to share program examples that show how their relationships with an ethnic or cultural entity or community organization helped to establish and/or expand library programming for a targeted ethnic/cultural population. The focus of this award is to share the library's program as a model for inspiration and adaptation by other library programs.

What Types of Libraries Are Eligible?

The focus will be on public libraries for the given year. Libraries who have been awarded in the past are ineligible for additional awards. Libraries can enter the same program from the previous year's applications. Programs offered within the last two years preceding the award application deadline shall be eligible to receive the award. Up to three libraries will be selected.

How Do I Apply?

Applications will be accepted until **Monday, February 26, 2018**. Please fill out and send the application form along with supporting materials to Mimi Lee, Diversity and Literacy Consultant at mlee@njstatelib.org

What Is a Multicultural Program?

The multicultural program should be focused on advancing understanding multicultural issues in communities that libraries serve and encouraging collaboration and dialogue between people of diverse backgrounds. The multicultural program should be educational, cultural and social programs designed to foster intercultural and cross-cultural awareness and advocate & support the needs of ethnic/cultural populations.

What are the Selection Criteria?

- Relationship of program to the purpose of the Award
- Validity of ethnic cultural representation
- Extent to which program bridges cultures
- Evidence of collaborative relationships in developing the program
- Demonstrated significance of program and its impact on the community
- Excellence, innovation and originality of program content and presentation

What Is the Award?

The New Jersey State Library Multicultural Program Award is an annual award to a library that has conducted an exemplary program or program series that foster the understanding of multiculturalism in partnership with community organizations. It consists of (1) a \$1,000 cash award; (2) a certificate; and (3) the statewide promotion of the winner as a model program for other libraries.

When will we find out if we have been selected to receive the award?

The winning libraries will be notified by **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**.

Where can I find more information?

Please contact:

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