1. The Award is conferred upon any type of Missouri library (public, academic, school, special), library system, or library network for distinguished achievement in service.

2. The library must be an institutional member of MLA.

3. The library board or administering body and the community of people served shall all be involved in the work for which recognition is sought.

4. The Award shall be based upon such activities or accomplishments as the following:
   - User oriented services that set an example for other libraries.
   - Structure of library service including development and participation in networks, systems, and cooperative planning with other types of libraries.
   - Collections based on sound selection policies.
   - Development of opportunities for professional growth and job satisfaction for all employees.
   - Changes or improvements in physical facilities resulting in better service.

5. The nomination narrative should indicate the area or areas in which recognition is sought, describe achievements, and indicate the time period when they were accomplished.

6. Letters of support for the nomination may be submitted, no more then ten please.

7. Please don’t send materials that would be difficult to photocopy.

8. Nominations are due by July 1st.