SLAWNY members may nominate a local author, illustrator, administrator, librarian or other individual who has consistently been an advocate for school libraries in Western New York or has made significant contributions to librarianship based on the criteria below. The award winner will be presented with the award at SLAWNY’s Fall Sharing Conference on October 19, 2019. Be sure to submit all required elements on the nomination form.

Awards may be considered for significant contributions/advocacy based on at least one of the following:

- An administrator (elementary, secondary or district) who has effectively supported the maintenance and the improvement of a School Library Media Program during at least the past 3 years
- An author or illustrator who has a body of work of high quality which supports the curriculum and goals of schools in New York
- An individual who has been creative in the application of the use of technology in presenting library curriculum
- An individual who has contributed to the improvement of attitudes or perceptions of library and information services
- An individual who has demonstrated the important role of a school librarian and the impact on student achievement
- An individual who has been active in professional development either through participation, presentation or support
- An individual who has continually spotlighted the role of a school librarian as an educational leader