

2023/2024 ALEPH SWANSON LITERACY CHAMPION AWARD

Educate, celebrate, and recognize the potential and achievements of a community member with the Aleph Swanson Literacy Champion Award. As an additional part of the 2023/2024 Awards and Recognition Program, we want to recognize those who have excelled in and care deeply about literacy. Investing in a student's future is critical

WHO IS ALEPH SWANSON

During the 2023 | 2024 Rotary Year, we will honor the legacy of my beloved Grandmother, Aleph Swanson. She was an exemplary role model who dedicated her life to education and helping kids. Having run the Seattle School District kitchens and bakery, she was known for caring deeply about the well-being of disadvantaged students. Not only did she help them out by secretly giving them food when they couldn't afford to pay, she taught them to sew and repair their damaged clothing.

WHAT IS THE AWARD?

In honor of her amazing spirit, we are creating an award recognizing individuals who have devoted their lives toward promoting literacy among kids in our local communities.

Do you know a person or organization who goes the extra step to promote literacy in our community? Nominate them for the Literacy Champion Award. Literacy Champions are people or organizations who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in supporting reading and literacy.

The award honors those whose work, within the last two years, has focused on literacy. The work has had a direct impact on the benefits to learners, of all ages, within District 5020's area. For example:

- Direct tutoring/teaching at any level
- Organizing local literacy programs
- Producing and/or making available materials for literacy programs
- including the promotion of literacy

This could be by:

- Volunteers
- Educators
- Practitioners
- Community organizations
- Businesses



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINEES: Teachers, tutors, school librarians, authors and others who have a positive impact on literacy – nominate an outstanding community member for the Aleph Swanson Literacy Champion Award.

AWARD AND RECOGNITION

The award includes registration to the 2024 Conference where they will be presented with a Paul Harris award, a \$1,000 donation The Rotary Foundation on behalf of the Puget Sound Designers Passport Rotary Club.

SPECIFICS

- Paul Harris Award
- Public recognition at District 5020 Conference and website (public promotion)
- A certificate from the District Governor
- 2024 Conference registration fee

SUBMITTING AWARD ELIGIBILITY

- All award form must be submitted by April 22 2024
- Please follow the District Website and announcements for exact submission details.