

2014 Kate Mullin Award for excellence in improving the language and literacy of Aboriginal EAL/D students

Open to all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal educators¹

Are you or do you know an educator who has helped to improve the language and literacy of Aboriginal students?

The Kate Mullin Award has been created in memory of Kate Mullin, an educator who worked passionately and tirelessly to improve outcomes for Aboriginal EALD learners. This award aims to recognise and celebrate excellence in language and literacy education of Aboriginal students.

The award is \$2,400 in cash, plus free travel, registration and accommodation valued up to \$2,600 for attendance at an appropriate national conference in Australia.

The winner will also have the option to apply to present at that conference, and to be mentored through that process if requested. The Award will be presented at the Westralian Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (WATESOL) Annual General Meeting on November 12, 2014.

The nominee can either self-nominate or be nominated by a line-manager, a colleague, a student or a community member.

The application should be no more than two pages and should include up to six items of supporting evidence. Evidence could include student work samples, referees, emails, letters, etc. Applications must include at least one referee statement from an Aboriginal educator or community member.

The application should demonstrate the following:

- improved student outcomes in language and literacy. (This could be improvements as substantiated by peers, community member(s) or as evidenced through outcomes achieved using the ESL/ESD Progress Map or through other appropriate monitoring systems.)
- links with an Aboriginal families and community to improve student engagement
- awareness, recognition and valuing of home language/dialect² and culture
- development of rapport with students

The application must be submitted by 5PM on August 22, 2014. Submissions can be sent

- electronically to: ssabatier@ais.wa.edu.au

or

- hard copy to: Sophia Sabatier,
AISWA, PO Box 1817
Osborne Park DC 6916, WA

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¹ Including all those who work on improving literacy outcomes for Aboriginal students: Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, Vocational Education and Training lecturers, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers, Aboriginal Teacher Assistants and Aboriginal Education Workers.

² This could be an Aboriginal language, an Australian creole and/or Aboriginal English.