

Thelma Pett Continuing Education Award Committee

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Thelma Pett was a dedicated teacher of elementary through college students throughout her thirty-eight year career. She was also dedicated to learning and to continuing her own education, earning sixty hours beyond her master's degree.

In 1956, Thelma was named Teacher of the Year by the AAUW while teaching third grade in Lamar, Colorado. Her award allowed her to attend graduate school at Vassar. Thelma served as an associate professor at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. For one month of many summers, she volunteered to teach the skills and joy of reading to underprivileged children in the hills of West Virginia. The last years of Thelma's career were spent as a reading specialist at Dunstan Middle School in Jefferson County School District.

Thelma Pett is remembered by CCIRA friends as a model teacher and a delightful person. After her death in 1978, the Continuing Education Award was respectfully named in her honor. Her husband, Alan, proudly presented the award to the recipients for several years.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

The Colorado Council of International Reading Association awards annually monies or tuition waivers to individuals who demonstrate potential in the teaching of reading and/or related subjects based on financial needs and personal qualification. Categories for the awards include elementary, secondary, remedial reading and paraprofessional.

Deadline for nominations is November 1

Nomination forms must be sent to: Liz Brown
1419 Cape Cod Circle
Ft. Collins, CO 80525

To Be Eligible for Nomination

1. A previous nominee, who did not receive the award, may be nominated again.
2. The award must be used during the following spring and/or summer after the award is made. The award must be used at an accredited college or university. The recipient is responsible for collecting all the bills and necessary fees as required for reimbursement as requested by the committee. Bills must be received by the committee chairperson no later than June 15, unless notification is made to the chairperson prior to that date. Some schools will allow early or pre-registration so this date can be met. Monies or waiver will be granted upon receipt of the above, hopefully no later than June 30.
3. The nominee must be a member of CCIRA prior to May of the year in which the nomination is made.
4. Recipient will participate in a one-hour panel discussion to share strategies learned in classes to better prepare for the classroom.



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Nomination Instructions

1. Complete this nomination form. Support letters from principals, staff members or professors should be included.
2. The person making the nomination will address the following questions in a letter to the committee:
 - a. Describe the nominee's present position and previous positions within your school system.
 - b. What is the need for this nominee to further his/her education? Is financial assistance justified?
 - c. What are the reasons for recommending this nominee?
 - d. Further comments
 - e. Send nomination letters with application letter
3. The applicant should answer the following questions in an attachment:
 - a. Do you belong to any educational organizations? If so, please indicate which ones. If you have served as an officer in any one of these, please indicate.
 - b. How do you believe this award could benefit you?
 - c. What institution do you wish to attend? Do you have a second choice or another one that you could attend?
 - d. How did you learn about the award?
 - e. Give a brief summary of your experiences and your present job description.
 - f. Must include 2 pictures to be sent to local newspaper, Conference Program and *The Colorado Communicator*. (School picture is acceptable.)

Nominee Information	
Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone Number (home & work)	
Email address	
CCIRA Membership #	Mandatory Membership prior to May 2008
Nominator Information	
Name	
Position	
Local Newspaper Information	
Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	

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You can also retrieve a nomination form electronically at www.ccira.org