

Children's Literature Assembly Early Career Award 2025

Purpose of the Award

The Children's Literature Assembly Early Career Award is intended to recognize the work of one early career CLA member who shows extraordinary promise as a researcher and leader in the field of children's literature.

Criteria for Award Consideration

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- be an active children's literature scholar; and
- have graduated with a doctoral degree no more than seven years prior to the nomination date.

The deadline for nomination is July 31, 2025. Eligible individuals may either self-nominate or be nominated by a CLA member. All nominees are asked to submit electronically as PDFs the following four items: 1) a 1-2 page letter from the nominator describing the nominee's qualifications for the award, with priority given to the nominee's achievements in: 1) research; 2) publications and impact of contributions to the field; 3) service to the field of children's literature; and 4) teaching related to children's literature

- 2) a letter of support from a CLA Member or a professional colleague
- 3) a current curriculum vitae, including all publications, degrees, honors and awards, service and classes taught
- 4) a written statement by the nominee that describes his or her professional growth and research agenda

Send these four items in ONE email to Josh Coleman (jjcolem7@asu.edu) by July 31, 2025. You may send a link to a Google folder that includes the following items labeled accordingly.

- Applicant'slastnameinitial_NomLetter
- Applicant'slastnameinitial_SupportLetter
- Applicant'slastnameinitial_CV
- Applicant'slastnameinitial_Statement

Review Process

Submitted materials for each nominee as well as the initial letters will be reviewed and voted upon by all committee members. Committee members can include both Board members and regular membership members. Members of the committee are appointed by the Board.

Nominees will be notified of their status by September 1, 2025 and the award will be presented publicly at the CLA Breakfast at the annual NCTE convention in November. Awardees will receive a ticket to the CLA Breakfast and a certificate.