



Jack London Award for Educational Innovation Sonoma State University

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL JACK LONDON AWARD

Jack London
1876-1916

Jack London epitomized the life-long learner. His own education was characterized by innovative and non-traditional experiences. London's primary devotion, however was to the PEOPLE, as he called them, and he wanted an informed public that would direct leaders, not follow them blindly. It is fitting that he be memorialized through this award program, which is designed to recognize and encourage innovative, educational programs. The Jack London Award for Educational Innovation is given annually to an innovative educational program in Sonoma County public schools.

Goals of the Jack London Award Program

- To recognize and publicize outstanding innovative programs and the individuals responsible for them.
- To project a positive image of public education.
- To cultivate collaboration between Sonoma State University (SSU) and K-12 schools.

SSU faculty and staff, as well as community and educational leaders, serve as judges for this award program. The Jack London Award Committee makes final selection of award recipients. **Criteria for judging include:**

1. Original vision and impetus for the program
2. Innovative and creative approaches
3. Engages teachers and school community collaboratively
4. The impact of this program on students and how it might be adaptable to other settings

Awards will be presented at a reception to be held in the Commons at Sonoma State University on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Additional applications are available on the SSU web site (<http://www.sonoma.edu/education>), in the Principal's Office at each Sonoma County school, or by calling Kristen Boland at SSU, (707) 664-2132.

Application must be postmarked by
Monday, March 3, 2008

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California Faculty Association
Sonoma County Educators Council CTA/NEA
Sonoma County Office of Education
Sonoma State University
California Reading and Literature Project

Jack London Award Application Form

All applications will be reviewed and semi-finalists selected for site visits. Teams of judges will visit selected programs and submit their assessments to the Jack London Award Committee. The 2008 Award recipients will be honored at a reception at SSU on **Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Program _____ School _____

Program Coordinator(s) _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Telephone _____

School Address _____ Zip Code _____

School Tel. No. _____ Name of Principal _____

District _____ Superintendent _____

Program in operation since _____ Yearly Operating Costs _____

Goal of Program _____

Participation:

Educational Level :

Funded By:

Total # Students Involved _____

_____ Elementary

_____ Grant Funds

Total # Teachers Involved _____

_____ Middle/ Jr. High

_____ District Funds

Administrators Involved _____

_____ High School

_____ Fundraising

Parents/Others Involved _____

_____ Other

_____ Other

List the Most Desirable Dates and Times for a Program Visit from March 17 through April 11, 2008:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Please attach a description, limited to three (3) typewritten pages, of your program. As you write the description, please address the following criteria:

1. Original vision and impetus for the program
2. Innovative and creative approaches
3. Engages teachers and school community collaboratively
4. Describe the impact of this program on students and how it might be adaptable to other settings

All finalists will be asked to prepare a five minute presentation of their project, and provide no more than five electronic photos of the project for public viewing at the May ceremony.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Return to:

Jack London Award Committee, c/o School of Education, Stev. 1078, Sonoma State University, 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, CA 94928-3609, (707) 664-2132.

Deadline:

Applications must be postmarked or received by March 3, 2008. Faxed or emailed applications are acceptable if received by 5 p.m. March 3, 2008 Fax (707) 664-2483, Email

dean.education@sonoma.edu (Microsoft Word Document or PDF file attachment).

Applications are also available on the SSU website (www.sonoma.edu/education).

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