**School-based Literacy Grant Application**

Current members of the **Arkansas Reading Association** are invited to submit proposals for a School-based Literacy Grant not to exceed $500 for the 2017-18 school year. Proposals should be written for classroom projects in instructional methods, non-traditional approaches, parent involvement, independent reading, book publishing, or new techniques and/or strategies, for example. Grant funds may be used for such items as children's trade books, consumable materials, audiovisual materials and equipment, and conference or workshop expenses. Activities and expenditures such as these will be given priority over use of grant funds to purchase complete commercial programs.

The proposal – not to exceed 5 pages - should be submitted online by February 1 to Vicki King at King.vicki@rocketmail.com. Include the following information in the order given below:

 Project Title

 Name of Applicant

 Current Position

 Business Address

 Business Telephone/Fax

 Home Address

 Home Telephone

 Local Reading Council Association

 IRA Membership Number

 Rationale for Project

 Description of Project

 Budget

 Project Timeline

All applicants for the grant will receive notice of the selected recipient(s) in April. This will enable the winner(s) to implement the proposed project during the fall. A project report and budget report (including receipts) are due on or before November 1. The winner(s) will be recognized at the annual Literacy Luncheon and may be asked to present the project in a conference session. Recipients are also encouraged to submit an article about the project to ***The ARA Newsletter.***

**Note: Applicants may apply for multiple awards, but are only eligible for one ARA award.**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

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**SCHOOL-BASED LITERACY GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA**

In keeping with the intent of this grant, the criteria used to assess grant applications stresses the importance of using research to guide classroom activities. The collection of data to critically examine the effects of proposed methods on student learning is also stressed. The following criteria will be used to judge the merits of grant applications:

**Application Packet (10%)**

* All requested information is provided and clearly labeled or identified.

**Rationale for Project (30%)**

* The rationale for the project provides a substantive review of the professional literature supporting the proposed activity.
* Literature used to support the practice is drawn from a sufficient number of *recent* articles from *peer-reviewed* journals or professional texts. Examples of peer-reviewed articles from *peer-reviewed* journals include *The Reading Teacher, Reading Research Quarterly, Language Arts,* etc.
* All articles included in the rationale are accurately cited in the body of the text as well as in a reference list at the end of the project narrative.

**Description of the project (40%)**

The following sections are clearly labeled or used as *subheadings* to organize the project description:

* Statement of the problem. The *reason for conducting this project* is clearly explained using examples from the teacher’s own experience or from the professional literature.
* Project Implementation. Procedures for implementing the project or study are thoroughly described, including steps necessary in planning for the project as well as the day-to-day implementation.
* Data collection methods. This section provides what measures (pre/post tests, running records, surveys etc.) will be used in determining the impact of the project on student learning.

**Budget (10%)**

* All anticipated expenditures are listed with an estimated cost for each item.
* All narrative accompanies the budget explaining how the items listed will be used to carry out the project.

**Project Timeline (10%)**

* Each step of the project is listed chronologically.
* Timeline includes project planning and setup as well as data collection and analysis.
* Timeline includes plans for submitting proposals for presenting the project at the annual conference. (Deadline for Call for Proposals is listed on the ARA website.)