



NEA's Read Across America Library Grant Application

Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2018
Recipients notified on: Friday, April 13, 2018
Funds available: May 2018

Overview

The National Education Association's Read Across America program will make grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase diverse books for public school libraries.

NEA's Read Across America has partnered with the NEA Foundation to address the literacy gap by providing educators with the book resources they need to promote life-long reading habits as part of 21st century learning skills.

Thanks to generous support of \$40,000 from the NEA Foundation, NEA's Read Across America will award library grants that range from \$250 to \$1,000 (maximum amount.)

NEA's Read Across America emphasizes the need for diverse books and authors to inspire a growing diverse student population to read. The goal of providing diverse books, authors, and themes is highlighted in the Read Across America resource calendar and poster and online curriculum, which features 36 award-winning books for year-long activities. Visit nea.org/readacross for more information.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the criteria listed below. Approved awards will be payable to the applicants' schools. Only one eligible applicant per school may submit an application.

- The applicant must be an NEA member
- The applicant must be a practicing pre-K-12 school librarian, teacher, or education support professional* in a U.S. public school
- At least 70 percent of the students in the applicant's school must be eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program
- The applicant must agree to serve as the contact person for the award and all related public relations activities

**The National Education Association uses the following job categories to classify education support professionals: para-educators, school bus drivers, maintenance and custodial staff, food services staff, school nurses and student services workers, clerical, office, and media assistants, school security officers, and technicians.*

For additional information about jobs classified as education support professionals, go to www.nea.org/esphome.

Deadline and Notification

Application materials are available at: nea.org/readacross. Deadline for 2018 applications is Friday, March 30 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Applications must be submitted as an e-mail attachment (PDF or Word format) and sent to libraryaward@nea.org. Only grant recipients will be notified in writing by April 13, 2018. Funds will be available in May 2018.

Amount and Number

NEA's Read Across America will award approximately 40-50 Read Across America Library Grants ranging from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$1,000.

Restrictions

Funds may be used only to purchase books and other reading materials for public school libraries. Funds may not be used for lobbying or religious purposes or to pay stipends, salaries, or administrative fees. NEA employees, members of the executive committee, board of directors and immediate family members are not eligible to apply for this grant. Funds are not transferable and will be paid only to the school identified in the application form.

Criteria

Public schools serving economically disadvantaged students in need of diverse books is the primary criteria for the Read Across America library grants. Additional factors that may be considered during the selection process include economic need and geographic location and other demographic characteristics.

Submission

Please complete all three parts of this application, save the document, and submit it as an email attachment in Word or PDF format to libraryaward@nea.org. Remember to retain a copy for your files. Applications that do not comply with the instructions or that include materials not specifically requested will not be reviewed. Only applications received electronically as specified will be considered. (Also, please note: to expedite processing, please be prepared to provide a completed W-9 form for your school/school district.) If you have questions pertaining to this award, please contact Christiana Campos at ccampos@nea.org or 202-822-7261

Part I. Application and School Data

Application Information

The applicant must meet all of the eligibility criteria listed above:

Name: _____ Work Title: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Telephone: _____

NEA membership number (printed on the upper right corner of label on your copy of *NEA Today* above name. Generally begins with 000)

Name and telephone number of your NEA local affiliate:

For teachers, what do you teach? Subject(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

School and Fiscal Agent Information:

If approved, upon receipt of a completed W-9 form, the award will be payable to the applicant's school, which agrees to serve as a fiscal agent:

School name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Website:

What percentage of the school's students is eligible for free or reduced price lunch? %

Is the school Urban Suburban Rural (please check one)

As principal, I agree that the school will act as fiscal agent for this award and will comply with the following conditions:

- Maintain separate records of disbursements related to this award
- To keep receipts for at least three years
- To make financial records (such as a completed W-9 form) available to NEA if requested
- To disburse funds in accordance with the purpose of this application and (2) solely at the direction of the applicant

School Principal Name:

Part II: Narrative:

Please answer the following in one page or less:

1. How would your school benefit from this award? Please be specific.
2. In what unique ways has your school promoted student reading and literacy?
3. How is your school providing students with access to diverse books?

Begin your narrative here:

Part III: Book List

Please list the books and reading materials your school would purchase with the library award (or attach list to your application.)

Begin your booklist here:

(Note: Be sure to check out First Book Marketplace at: www.firstbook.org. First Book, a national partner of Read Across America, provides free and reduced cost books to schools in need.)

For more information on NEA's Read Across America please visit: nea.org/readacross.



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