

OKLAHOMA READING ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL TRAVEL
SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAS
ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF MARGARET WINSTEAD AND
HONORING OTHERS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED READING/LITERACY
IN OKLAHOMA
2007-2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

Basic Criteria:

1. The applicant must have been employed by a public or private school or school district in Oklahoma for the past three years and presently teaching in an elementary or secondary classroom and/or working on an advanced degree in the field of education full time.

General Directions:

1. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED OR SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY October 1, 2007 to:** LRobertsNBCTOkla@aol.com

Please note that only applications submitted by this deadline will be considered.

2. *Priority will be given to first time attendees to an IRA affiliated conference.*

3. Submit only material requested.

4. *The applicant* statements must be typed, double-spaced, on 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper. Statements of *support* from school officials must also be double-spaced.

5. The first page of the application must be the "Applicant Information Form." *Staple all pages together in the upper left-hand corner in the following order-*Applicant Information Form, Proposed Budget, Professional Information, Statement from the Applicant, Statement of Support. Do not enclose in a folder or binder.

6. If mailing please retain one copy of the application for your records. Mail a total of **five sets of** the application materials, postmarked by **October 1, 2007** to:

Linda Roberts- ORA Travel Scholarship Chair
6415 E. Fort Worth Pl.
Broken Arrow, Ok 74014

7. If you have questions regarding the application process or need additional copies of the application forms, please check the Oklahoma Reading Association's website or call the committee chair at 918-357-9800.

Scholarship Disbursement:

The travel scholarship will be disbursed in this manner. The first will be sent for the conference registration once verification of the registration is made. The second will be sent to the travel agency or to the individual once the airline ticket has been purchased and receipt of that is sent. The remainder of the travel scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient approximately five business days prior to the date of the conference. ORA will limit the scholarship to \$1,000. Receipts must be submitted after travel for all other expenses.

****Scholarship Preference will be given to ORA, IRA and Local Council Members.**

If you do not attend the conference, reimbursement of all funds will be paid in full to the Oklahoma Reading Association.

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Applicant Information Form

This page must be the first page of each copy of the application packet. Staple (in the upper left-hand corner) all other pages behind it.

Information about the Applicant (Please Type or Print):

Name (Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr.) _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Fax (home or school) _____

E-mail _____

Member of International Reading Association yes _____ No _____

Member # _____

Member of Oklahoma Reading Association yes _____ No _____

Member of Local Reading Council yes _____ No _____

Name of Local Council _____

School _____

School Address _____

School District _____

School Phone _____ School E-mail _____

Teaching Assignment _____ Grade Level _____

Years at Current Assignment _____ Years in Classroom _____

Conference or Meeting for which this award would be used _____

Location_____

Dates of the Conference or Meeting_____

Amount Being Requested_____Budget Enclosed_____

Please list professional development conferences you have attended in the last five years_____

Identify the building principal, superintendent, school board president or college official for the school district or college you are attending full time.

The signature of the supervising individual is required.

By signing this application, your eligibility is verified for this travel scholarship for professional development for which you have applied and agreement to release you to attend this conference or meeting if you are selected.

Principal's Name_____

Principal's Signature_____

Superintendent's Name_____

Superintendent's Signature_____

If attending college full time:

College Official's Name_____

College Official's Signature_____

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Proposed Budget**

Information about the Budget (Please type or Print):

Conference or Meeting to be attended _____

Location _____

Dates (Include travel to and from) _____

Please check all of the following which apply to your request:

State ORA Conference

Regional IRA Conference

National IRA Conference

Other- Please specify _____

Registration Fee _____

Lodging _____ use conference rate for hotels if needed

Transportation _____ airfare if needed

_____ auto @ rate of 32 cents per mile???

Meals _____ @ \$40 per day

Substitute pay is the responsibility of the individual or the district.

TOTAL REQUESTED and not to exceed \$1,000 dollars _____

Will the conference or meeting itself pay any of these expenses? If yes, please specify _____ Will your school district pay any of these expenses? If yes, please specify _____

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Professional Information/ Statements

Professional Information:

1. Provide the information requested below. The information must be typed, double spaced, on no more than one 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper.
2. Educational background. Include institutions where applicant trained, the dates there, and the degree(s) granted. If you are currently attending college full time please include that information along with what degree or certification you are pursuing.
3. Employment experience. Include institutions where the applicant has worked, the positions held, and the dates for each.
4. Participation in professional development—at the local, state, and national levels—in the last five years.
5. **Professional affiliations. Preference will be given to Oklahoma Reading Association and International Reading Association members. Please state local council you are affiliated with as well.**
6. Professional honors and awards. Include dates.

Statement from the Applicant:

The statement from the applicant must be limited to no more than two doubled –spaced, 8 ½ x 11 typewritten pages and should address the following:

Discuss the impact that participation in the conferences or meeting will have on your teaching and the students you work with each day. Or explain how it will impact you if you are currently enrolled full time at a university.

All grant recipients will be expected to share knowledge and information gained from this experience with their colleagues. Please describe at least two ways you plan to do this after you return from the conference.

Statement of Support:

Each application must be accompanied by a statement of support for the applicant's participation in the conference or meeting attended. This statement must be written either by the applicant's building principal, an administrator at the school of the district or a college professor if attending college full time. It must be limited to one double-spaced typewritten 8 ½ x 11 page.