

Arkansas Reading Association

an affiliate of the

International Reading Association

STUDIES AND RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

Current members of the **Arkansas Reading Association** are invited to submit proposals for a Studies and Research Grant not to exceed \$750 for the upcoming school year. Proposals should be written for classroom research 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. Activities and expenditures used for literacy materials will be given priority.

Six copies of the proposal should be submitted to **ARA Studies and Research Committee Chair**. The proposal must be postmarked no later than **February 1**. The proposal should not exceed three pages, single-spaced. 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 semester of the upcoming year. A project and budget report (including receipts) is due November 1. The winner(s) will be recognized at the annual Summer Leadership Workshop in July and will be expected to present the project in a conference session at the annual ARA Conference in November. Recipients are also encouraged to submit an article about the project to *The ARA Newsletter*.

Note: Applicants must be a member of local/ARA and IRA for one year prior to deadline. Applicants may apply for multiple awards, but are only eligible for one ARA award.

DEADLINE: POSTMARKED (or electronically submitted) BY FEBRUARY 1

Return to: **ARA Studies and Research Committee Chair, electronic submission preferred.**

Arkansas Reading Association Studies and Research Grant Rubric

Nominee: _____ School District: _____ Position: _____

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	Exceeding	Sufficient	Lacking
Application Packet	<input type="checkbox"/> The proposal was postmarked by February 1. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposal does not exceed three pages (single-spaced) and includes all of the information in the order given on the application information sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> All requested information is clearly identified.	<input type="checkbox"/> The proposal was postmarked by February 1. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposal does not exceed three pages (single-spaced) and includes all of the information in the order given on the application information sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/> The application packet is incomplete or postmarked after February 1.
Rationale for Project	<input type="checkbox"/> The rationale for the project provides a substantive review of the professional literature supporting the proposed activity. <input type="checkbox"/> Literature used to support the practice is drawn from a minimum of five <i>recent</i> articles from <i>peer-reviewed</i> journals or professional texts.	<input type="checkbox"/> The rationale for the project provides a review of the professional literature supporting the proposed activity. <input type="checkbox"/> Literature used to support the practice is drawn from a minimum of three <i>recent</i> articles from <i>peer-reviewed</i> journals or professional texts.	<input type="checkbox"/> The rationale for the project is lacking in substance. <input type="checkbox"/> Literature used to support the practice is drawn from a minimum of one <i>recent</i> articles from <i>peer-reviewed</i> journals or professional texts.

<p>Description of the Project</p>	<p>The following sections are clearly labeled or used as subheadings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of the Problem: The reason for conducting this study or project is clearly explained using examples from the teacher’s own experience or from the professional literature. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Data Collection Methods: This section delineates specific measures to be used in determining the impact of the project on student learning. 	<p>The following sections are included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> of the Problem: The reason for conducting this study or project is explained using examples from the teacher’s own experience or from the professional literature. <input type="checkbox"/> Project Implementation: Procedures for implementing the project or study are described including steps necessary in planning for the project as well as the implementation. <input type="checkbox"/> Data Collection Methods: This section delineates measures to be used in determining the impact of the project on student learning. 	<p>At least one of the required sections is missing information or is lacking in the quality of information submitted.</p>
<p>Budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All anticipated expenditures are listed with an estimated cost for each item. <input type="checkbox"/> A thorough narrative accompanies the budget explaining how the items listed will be used to carry out the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Most expenditures are listed with an estimated cost for each item. <input type="checkbox"/> A narrative accompanies the budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A list of expenditures is not included in the packet or the expenditures listed do not align well to the project or study. <input type="checkbox"/> A budget narrative is excluded from the packet.
<p>Project Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Each step of the project is listed chronologically. <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline includes project set-up as well as data collection analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline includes plans for submitting proposal for presenting the project at the ARA annual conference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Each step of the project is listed. <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline includes project set-up as well as data collection analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline excludes plans for submitting a proposal for presenting the project at the ARA annual conference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The application lacks a complete list of the steps necessary to complete the project or study. <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline excludes project set-up and/or data collection analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline excludes plans for submitting a proposal for presenting the project at the ARA annual conference.