

**MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION**

**Professional Development Awards Committee**

Scholarships in the amount of \$250 each are available yearly. These scholarships are to be applied toward graduate courses taken in the area of reading or areas related to reading. Possible areas of study would include: reading, language arts, English, creative writing, children's literature, reading disabilities, or any other fields in which reading is a key component.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

Information concerning the scholarship, as well as application forms, will be disseminated to all local councils. Additional application forms will be available from the Professional Development Awards Committee, Local Council Presidents, and at the State Board of Directors meetings.

Applications and two letters of support must be submitted to the Local Council President. Local Council Presidents, in conjunction with their Executive Board or selected Committee Members, will select one application from their council to be submitted to the Professional Development Award Committee by the deadline date. Consideration should be given to those applicants demonstrating a definite need.

The Local Council President MUST sign the submitted application and the local Membership Chairman MUST certify that the applicant is a member of the local council.

Final selection of scholarship recipients will be the responsibility of the Professional Development Award Committee members followed by approval of the Executive Committee of the Missouri State Council-IRA.

The recipients will have twelve months from the date the scholarship is awarded to apply the money toward the coursework. The scholarship recipient will receive the funds when the Professional Development Awards Committee receives a transcript copy showing satisfactory completion of the course(s).

**FOLLOW-UP:**

Each recipient must submit a brief report to the Professional Development Awards Committee describing the ways the coursework enhanced his/her professional growth. This report must be submitted within twelve months after receiving the scholarship.





List reading services you have provided for your school and community other than those organized by your local council. Consider: curriculum and/or textbook adoption committees, study of reading programs, inservices or teacher workshops, book fairs, special reading related projects, etc.:

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Describe your future plans in the area of reading:

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Make a brief statement as to the circumstances of need which should be considered in the evaluation of this application:

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The following letters should be sent directly to the local council president. The applicant will select two people, one for each of the following, and request their support. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that both letters have been sent to the Local Council President.

1. Letter of sponsorship from a local IRA or MSC/IRA Member, indicating why the applicant should be considered for this scholarship.
2. Letter of recommendation from principal or co-worker providing information about the applicant's efforts and contributions in reading.

List the names of the people from whom you requested letters:

Name	Address	Position
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

As President of the \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association, I submit \_\_\_\_\_  
 (applicant's name)  
 as our nominee for the Missouri State IRA Scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As Membership Chairperson of the \_\_\_\_\_ Council, I certify that  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is a current member of this council and the  
 (applicant's name)  
 state council.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This form must be signed and submitted to the Scholarship Committee  
 by September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Submit completed application and supporting documents to:**

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