

Missouri State Council Conference Travel Grant

The purpose of the grant is to provide \$250 to allow teachers who might otherwise not have the opportunity to attend an MSC-IRA state conference.

The criteria and conditions for the grant are as follows:

1. The applicant has been a local/state council member for at least one year.
2. The applicant has never attended an MSC-IRA state conference.
3. The applicant provides a letter of support from his/her local council, including an indication of how the applicant has made a noteworthy contribution to the literacy of his/her students.
4. The applicant will provide an official letter of support from the employing institution indicating:
 - a. why the applicant is worthy of receiving such a grant
 - b. how the applicant has contributed to the literacy of his/her students
 - c. that the applicant will be given release time from school duties to attend the MSC-IRA state conference, and
 - d. that the applicant is not receiving any other funding for attending the convention.
5. The applicant will submit a one page vita and brief (250 word maximum) statement indicating why he/she wishes to attend an MSC-IRA conference and how attendance will benefit his/her teaching.
6. Successful applicants agree to:
 - a. submit a written report to MSC-IRA describing their experiences at the conference, indicating professional benefits, and offering suggestions for participation by future grant recipients, and
 - b. share their experiences with their sponsoring local council through an oral report of presentation or a written report suitable for publishing in a local or state IRA newsletter.
7. Applications will be evaluated on the soundness of the presentation and rationale, strength of principal's recommendation, strength of council recommendation, and contents of vita.

**MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL
TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION**

Please **type** or **print** clearly and provide all necessary details for each question. Proper consideration cannot be given to incomplete applications.

1. Date: _____
2. Name: _____
3. Mailing address: _____

4. Local council: _____
5. Institution or place of employment: _____
6. Office telephone: _____ Home telephone: _____
7. E-mail: _____ Fax: _____
8. Are you an International member of IRA? ___ Yes (membership # _____)
___ No
9. Have you received an MSC-IRA grant or award before? ___ Yes ___ No
Name of grant/award: _____
Year awarded: _____
10. MSC-IRA Conference for which this application is made: _____
11. Have you submitted a program proposal for this conference? ___ Yes ___ No
12. Summarize your current professional responsibilities and indicate how they are related to the field of reading. (**A personal vita of one page only must be attached.**)

13. State briefly your reasons for wishing to attend the conference you have chosen. Give particular attention to how and why attending will benefit your work and the teachers with whom you have contact. **Use the attached form for your statement, the maximum length is 250 words.**
14. Make any additional statement that you feel would help the committee to respond to your application, e.g., training, experience, academic degrees, special assignments, etc.
15. **Follow-up:** A report is required which a) lists the activities you attended and b) summarizes the benefits of having attended the meetings. It should be submitted to the Professional Development Awards Committee at the address below within 3 weeks after the end of the conference for which funding was provided. In addition, an oral report or presentation about your experience to the sponsoring local council is required.

Signature

Date

The completed application material should be returned to the address below.
The deadline is: September 1st.

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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Name _____ Council _____

Date _____

In 250 words or less, state your reasons for wishing to attend the MSC-IRA Annual State Conference you have chosen. Give particular attention to how and why attending will benefit your work, your students and the teachers with whom you have contact. This statement is a very important element of your application.