

Illinois Reading Council International Grant

The International Committee of Illinois Reading Council has created a grant to promote literacy internationally. There are many projects and ventures that councils have proposed to promote literacy. This grant will help alleviate the cost of these ambitious projects.

This grant is designed to fund international literacy projects. Studies indicate that poverty levels and literacy rates are inversely proportional. By supporting our international community in the areas of literacy, it in turn improves our universal society. Illinois Reading Council wants to support these efforts.

The situations, programs, and possibilities that could benefit from this grant are endless. Our committee is hoping that your council will add this cause to your outreach list. We eagerly await your ideas.

The Guidelines and Application Forms are attached. The maximum amount per grant is \$1,000. The amount awarded for each grant may be less than the amount requested. Application deadline will be May 1, 2009. Grants will be awarded for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Awards will be announced by July 1, 2009.

Awards will be reviewed in a blind selection process and scored on a criteria rubric. If there are any identity-revealing references in the text of the grant application, the grant will be immediately disqualified. For more information or application form requests,

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International Literacy Grant Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Illinois Reading Council will award financial grants to local and special interest councils and individual council members for the purpose of

1. Promoting international literacy development, and
2. Providing professional development opportunities related to the improvement of reading and writing instruction in the area of international literacy.

Note: All submitted proposals must list in the itemized budget specific anticipated expenditures and projected income.

GUIDELINES

Each grant applicant will

1. Submit a proposal for the program or project not to exceed five pages plus the cover page which includes
 - a. a statement of purpose
 - b. a needs statement, including population to be served
 - c. a description of the program or project, including a time line
 - d. an itemized budget which projects income and expenditures
 - e. a plan for publicizing the program or project
 - f. a plan for evaluating the program or project, including how you will share success of the program or project
2. Agree to acknowledge the Illinois Reading Council as a cosponsor on all publicity.
3. Agree to complete the program or project by June 30, 2010.
4. within thirty days of the conclusion of the program or project, Submit a written report which includes an itemized list of income and expenditures. Include also a written explanation of how money was spent.
5. Plan to make a presentation of the program or project at the ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL Conference, or submit an article to the IRC Communicator or IRC Journal.
6. Be a member of the Illinois Reading Council.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Councils and individuals applying for grants should submit proposals to the Grants Committee by the deadline, May 1, 2009. Late proposals will not be considered. A postcard will be mailed to you within two weeks of receiving your grant application verifying that it has been received.

TIME LINE

Proposals will be reviewed, and the grant recipients will be notified by July 1, 2009. Grants will be awarded for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Applications must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN May 1, 2009.

REVIEW PROCESS

The International Committee, which includes the committee chair and other regional representatives review each proposal using a blind review process. If there are any identity-revealing references in the text of the grant application, the grant will be immediately disqualified.

BUDGET

The maximum expenditure per grant and the total grant expenditure shall be no more \$1000. The amount of each grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 may be less than the amount requested.

**ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL
INTERNATIONAL GRANT**

Cover Page

(Grants for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010)

(Please type or print clearly.)

Program/Project Title: _____

Grant Applicant Contact Information:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

I verify that all submitted information is accurate.

Signature of Grant Applicant: _____

If the grant is being submitted for a school, it requires a signature of the principal or administrator.

Signature of School Administrator Position: _____

Any identity-revealing references beyond this page will result in the grant being disqualified.

**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY
GRANT APPLICATION**
(Grants for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010)

Please type or generate on a computer. The review will be a blind review process.
Avoid any identity-revealing references in the text. If there are any identity-revealing references in the text of the grant application, the grant will be immediately disqualified.

I. Program/Project Title: _____

Date of Program/Project: _____

II. Statement of Purpose:

III. Needs Statement: Including population served.

IV. Description of Program or Project:

V. Itemized budget: (Please be specific) Amount requested
Include expenditures, fees, donations, or joint funding and anticipated income.

(Non-acceptable budget items: Conference registration fees and related expenses; professional memberships; substitute teachers; salaries; stipends; and capital outlay, such as furniture and computers. Food and meals will be considered only if they are an essential part of the project. Miscellaneous cannot be considered a category for budget proposals.)

VI. Plan for Publicity: Include pre-publicity as well as culminating activities.

VII. Plan for evaluation: Include how you will measure the success of the project.

Send this completed form to:

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**YOUR PROPOSAL MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
MAY 1, 2009.**