

2006 Youth Leaders for Literacy Grant Application

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association (NEA) and Youth Service America (YSA) to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2006 and culminates on YSA's National Youth Service Days, April 21-23, 2006.

Who can apply? Youth, ages 21 or younger (either individuals or groups).

How many grants are awarded? Each year, the National Education Association awards 20 grants of \$500 each to student-led initiatives.

When are winners announced? Winners will be announced late December.

Please fill out this application thoroughly and send it to:

Youth Leaders for Literacy Grants
NEA Public Relations
1201 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Applications must be postmarked by November 21, 2005.

What do judges look for?

- Youth leadership in developing and implementing the project
- The involvement of youth in preparing and submitting the grant application
- The capacity of the individual or group to administer the grant
- The impact of the project on those providing service and those being served
- Complete applications, including all requested support materials

Thank you, and best of luck!

Youth Leaders for Literacy Application
PART I

1. Please check one. I am:

- An individual conducting a literacy service activity.

My name is _____ Age ____ Grade ____

My adult sponsor:

Name _____ Title _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

E-mail _____

- A member of a group conducting a literacy service activity.

My name is _____ Age ____ Grade ____

There are (indicate how many) _____ members in my group. They are:

Name _____ Age ____ Grade ____

Name _____ Age ____ Grade ____

Name _____ Age ____ Grade ____

Name _____ Age ____ Grade ____

Name _____ Age ____ Grade ____

(Use additional paper to add more names.)

Group name (if any) _____

Our adult sponsor:

Name _____ Title _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

E-mail _____

2. If I (we) win a grant, the check should be made out to:

3. Provide information about the person completing this application (students are encouraged to complete the application).

Name _____

Role _____

(Individual applicant, group member, club sponsor, club president, etc)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (day) (____) _____ - _____

Phone (night) (____) _____ - _____

E-mail _____

4. Provide information about your school/organization.

School/organization name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Web site (if any) _____

PART II

(If necessary, use additional paper.)

1. Describe how and why you decided to do a literacy service project.

2. Describe your literacy service project.

3. Explain how your project will benefit your community.

4. Tell us what book has had the greatest effect on your life, and why.

5. Tell us how your project will create greater awareness and understanding about the importance of literacy.

6. Provide a detailed budget showing how grant funds will be used to implement your project. If your budget exceeds \$500.00, please list other funding sources.

7. Share your extended vision for your literacy service project.

8. How did you find out about the Youth Leaders for Literacy program?

PART III—Supporting Documentation (please attach)