

KSRA Scholarship

LETTERHEAD

Local KSRA Council:

On behalf of the KSRA, I would like to call your attention to a very special opportunity for pre-service teachers in Pennsylvania. We are asking your assistance in identifying outstanding future teachers from your area as candidates for one of the three \$2,000 scholarships that may be awarded for this year. Each council may submit one application. The applications received will be judged according to the enclosed criteria. Our goal in KSRA is to award \$2,000 to three junior education majors regardless of race, creed, type of high school attended, or financial status.

Each council may advertise the scholarship opportunity in various ways. Using the enclosed criteria, one student who has exceptional abilities should be identified and that person's application form should be submitted. The application form for your selected applicant must be mailed to the state committee no later than March 1.

A letter of congratulations with the check will be awarded to the recipient of the scholarship through the local KSRA council. Letters of thanks will be sent to all participants by the state committee. A picture of the local council's presentation to the winner will be requested by KSRA for publicity purposes.

Sincerely,

Chair, Scholarship Committee

KSRA Pre-Service Educator Grant Criteria

1. The grant applicant must be currently enrolled full-time as a junior education major at a college or university in Pennsylvania.
2. The applicant must: 1) demonstrate an outstanding academic record, 2) exhibit a sincere interest in reading and literacy, and 3) obtain a written recommendation from two education professionals at his/her college or university. The professional recommendation should consider the applicant's congeniality, integrity, special honors and awards, community involvement, and school activities. The recommendation should not exceed a 250-word limit.
3. Grant applications must be received by the local KSRA reading council in time for the council to select one candidate and to send the selected application forms to the KSRA Scholarship Committee chairperson by the designated deadline.
4. The state grant committee chairperson must receive application forms by March 1. The committee will not consider applications received after the deadline.
5. The final selection for the KSRA grants will be determined by the Grant Committee in March. The KSRA Grant Committee will review the applications and make its recommendations using the following criteria for selection:

<u>Criteria for Selection</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
A. Future Goals	10 points
B. Short essay	25 points
C. Community involvement	10 points
D. Special honors/awards	10 points
E. Academic rank	25 points
F. School activities/offices	10 points
G. Recommendations from 2 professionals	10 points

6. The congratulatory letter and grant check will be sent to the local council president.

**Keystone State Reading Association
Pre-Service Educator Grant**

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of College or University: _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____ **Current GPA:** _____

Work Experience (last 4 years): _____

School Activities and Offices Held: _____

Special Honors and Awards (do not use abbreviations): _____

Community Involvement: _____

Special Interests: _____

Name of the Keystone State Reading Association Local Reading Council:

Name and Address of Local Council President: _____

Attach a short written letter of support, no longer than 250 words, from two education professionals at the college or university you attend. In the space below, provide the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the two education professionals:

1. _____

2. _____

Describe your career objectives and ambitions: _____

Essay:

Provide a short essay about the importance for all teachers to have the knowledge of teaching reading and literacy. Indicate why you believe you deserve to receive this scholarship. Please limit your essay to one typed page.

Your signature indicates that all of the information you have provided on the application is true.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Dear _____,

On behalf of the Keystone State Reading Association, I would like to congratulate you on being a recipient of our _____ KSRA \$2,000 Pre- Service Student Grant. Considering the level of competition, you have every reason to be quite proud of this accomplishment. Your entry was judged by a committee of five impartial professional educators to be one of the best applications submitted.

We would appreciate it if you would send a recent picture of yourself to the address below so that we can publicize your accomplishment in KSRA publications.

The Keystone State Reading Association appreciates your interest in our scholarship award, and we want to wish you the best of luck in future professional endeavors.

Sincerely,

Chair, Scholarship Committee

Cc: KSRA President
Nominating Council President

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Dear _____,

On behalf of the Keystone State Reading Association, I would like to thank you for participating in our search for a recipient of the KSRA Pre-Service Student Grant, to be awarded to a student enrolled in a teacher education program in Pennsylvania. The process of selecting the recipient for our scholarship awards was a difficult one. Many fine candidates applied, as evidenced by outstanding academic records, positive letters of support, and quality essays. Your entry was considered high among those reviewed by the selection committee members. However, we regret to inform you that because of the level of competition, you were not selected as the recipient of the scholarship award.

The Keystone State Reading Association appreciates your interest in our scholarship search and we want to wish you the best of luck in your future professional endeavors.

Sincerely,

Chair, Scholarship Committee

Cc: Nominating Council President

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Local KSRA Council President:

On behalf of the Keystone State Reading Association, I am pleased to inform you that your applicant, _____, has been chosen as a recipient of the KSRA \$2,000 Pre-Service Student Grant for 20___. Thank you for nominating _____ for the KSRA scholarship search.

Enclosed you will find the check and a letter to _____ offering our congratulations. Please present this check and letter as soon as possible so the monies can be used by the student to complete his/her education. A photograph of the presentation is requested for KSRA publicity purposes. You may also wish to request publicity in your local newspapers.

Sincerely,

Chair, Scholarship Committee

Enclosures (2)