

Student IRA Membership Award

Council Name: _____

Council President: _____

Criterion: Council obtaining the most student IRA members will be awarded \$50.00.

Deadline: May 1, _____

Completed forms to be sent to:

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Shippensburg, PA 17257
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Total # student IRA memberships obtained: _____

STUDENT'S NAME

SCHOOL

LETTERHEAD

Dear Local Council President:

This year KSRA is making a special effort to increase student membership in IRA. Your council members can help us achieve this goal. Please ask them to contact classroom instructors who have student teachers, directors of student teaching programs, or college faculty who teach education courses.

When your council members talk to these supervisors, they should explain the benefits of a student IRA membership. Enclosed is an IRA brochure and membership application form which can be duplicated and shared with prospective teachers in the supervisors' schools. Please remember to emphasize the special student membership rates which reflect a 40 percent savings over regular rates.

We would like the Keystone State Reading Association to become the nation's leader in reading. In 1992 and 1994, KSRA was honored at the annual IRA conference when it received the President's Cup for enrolling the highest number of IRA members in our division. In 20__, we would like to strive for the highest number of IRA student members in all 50 states, thereby showing Pennsylvania's commitment to excellence in reading and education.

Please allow me to thank you in advance for your help in our student membership drive and your continued support of IRA. If you have any questions or comments, you may write to: _____,
Student Membership Chairperson, _____
_____ ; or call _____.

Sincerely,

Student Membership Chair

Enclosures

LETTERHEAD

Dear Colleague:

As a professional educator you may already be aware of the benefits of being a member of the International Reading Association. Since its inception, the IRA has been vital in promoting reading and world literacy through its journals and book clubs, newsletters, and conferences.

This year the Pennsylvania affiliate of IRA (Keystone State Reading Association) is making a special effort to encourage future teachers to join the International Reading Association. We need your help in letting college students know how the IRA will keep them up-to-date on current trends and issues in reading. When your undergraduate and graduate students leave the university, the IRA will always be there to meet their professional needs by providing information on teaching practices, new initiatives, and effective strategies for educating learners of all ages.

You can help us reach your students by sharing with them the enclosed information which can be duplicated: 1) the IRA brochure, 2) a duplication master of the membership application form, and 3) our letter to students. When you talk with your students about IRA, please explain the membership options available to them and make note of the reduced membership rates for full-time students.

Your help and continued support of the International Reading Association are deeply appreciated. If you have any questions or comments about our special student membership drive, please write to: _____, Student Membership Chairperson,
_____; or call _____.

Sincerely,

Student Membership Chair

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LETTERHEAD

Dear Student:

Congratulations on your decision to become a teacher! Our profession is constantly striving for excellent people who are committed to educating future citizens of the world.

The International Reading Association has a proud history of helping teachers promote literacy through its journals and book clubs, newsletters, and conferences. It is an international service organization of more than 1,100 councils in the United States and Canada, with affiliates in 38 countries comprised of educators who are dedicated to the improvement of reading instruction and the promotion of lifetime reading habits. You should also be aware that the organization is not just for reading teachers but for ALL persons who are concerned with the improvement of reading instruction.

This year KSRA, the Pennsylvania affiliate of the International Reading Association, would like to invite you to join IRA or, if you are already a member, to continue your membership. Once you leave the university and begin teaching, the IRA will always be there to keep you up-to-date on teaching practices, new initiatives, and effective strategies of teaching learners of all ages.

Enclosed is a brochure and membership application form for joining (or renewing your membership to) IRA. Please note that membership rates for full-time students reflect a 40 percent savings compared to regular membership rates. Your membership in IRA demonstrates a high level of professional commitment and indicates that you are interested in furthering that commitment with other professionals like yourself.

We are looking forward to helping you continue your professional development and expanding your relationships with other educators in the International Reading Association.

Sincerely,

Student Membership Chair

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