



MRA PAST PRESIDENTS' LEGACY FUND

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MRA PPLF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR AN EDUCATOR IN A NEW PROFESSIONAL ROLE\* SPONSORED BY ZANER-BLOSER COMPANY FOR THE MRA 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



\* Qualifying applicants are educators who are in a new role such as literacy coach, literacy specialist, teacher consultant, administrator, coordinator who have more than three years teaching experience. A change in grade level assignment is not construed as a new role.

Application Part I

Title \_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Teaching Position (Subject, Level) \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in this Position \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience in the Previous Position \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of years teaching \_\_\_\_\_ Certified for teaching in the State of Michigan? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Highest Degree Held \_\_\_\_\_ Major Emphasis/Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent (Title/Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Immediate Supervisor (Title/Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No (check on lines below)

Are you a current member of the International Reading Association? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the Michigan Reading Association? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

If yes, what is your MRA membership number? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of a local council or special interest council? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

If yes, which council? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended a Michigan Reading Association Conference? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_



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Application Part II  
**APPLICANT'S PERSONAL STATEMENT**

In 250 words or less, state your reasons for wishing to attend the Michigan Reading Association 2011 Annual Conference and why the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF) Conference Grant Committee should select you to receive the **PPLF Professional Development Grant for an Educator in a New Professional Role**. Give particular attention to how your participation in the MRA 2011 Annual Conference will enhance your professional abilities to improve reading instruction. Also address how you intend to be involved in some manner with MRA and/or a local council and/or a special interest council in the coming year.

If my application is approved I understand that I will 1) use my participation in the MRA 2011 Annual Conference to enhance my professional abilities to improve reading instruction; 2) write a reflection of how the MRA 2011 Conference enhances my professional role; 3) be involved in some manner in MRA and/or a local and/or a special interest council in the coming year; and 4) notify the Michigan Reading Association office (800-MRA-READ) immediately if unable to attend the MRA 2011 Annual Conference.

**Signature (Required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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#### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Past President's Legacy Fund Professional Development Grant 2011 for an Educator in a New Professional Role application (Parts I & II)
  
- One letter of support. Letters are limited to one page each and must include the title of the signatory. You may choose to solicit a letter from an administrator, university instructor, mentor teacher, or teaching colleague who has close professional association and knowledge of your teaching.
  
- A Personal Statement of 250 words or less stating your reasons for wishing to attend the MRA 2011 Annual Conference and why you should be selected the recipient of the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund Professional Development Grant 2011 for an Educator in a New Educational Role. Please give particular attention to:
  - How your participation in the MRA 2011 Annual Conference will enhance your professional abilities to improve reading instruction.
  - How you will be involved in some manner in MRA and/or a local council and/or special interest council in the coming year.
  
- Submit the original and five copies of your application and support documents via postal services by January 1, 2011 to:

**Mrs. Gwen Graham**  
**819 W. Shiawassee Avenue**  
**Fenton, Michigan 48430**
  
- As a recipient of this grant you are to write a reflection of how attending the MRA 2011 Annual Conference enhances your professional role.
  
- Notify the Michigan Reading Association Office (800-MRA-READ) immediately if you are unable to attend the MRA 2011 Annual Conference.

Application postmark deadline: On or before January 1, 2011



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## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **What is the MRA Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF)?**

The Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF), inspired by Past Presidents of Michigan Reading Association was founded in October, 2006 in celebration of MRA's 50th anniversary. This permanently endowed fund, established by donor contributions, is intended to support selected activities for the next fifty years and beyond.

### **What is the MRA Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF) Professional Development Grant 2011?**

The PPLF Professional Development Grant 2011 for an Educator in a New Professional Role provides \$200 for expenses associated with the MRA 2011 Annual Conference. It is the belief that involvement with and participation in the Michigan Reading Association can contribute significantly to educators' professional development.

### **Who May Apply?**

For the purpose of this sponsored grant, **educators who are in a new professional role and have taught more than three years may apply.** Qualifying applicants are educators who are in a new role such as literacy coach, literacy specialist, teacher consultant, administrator, or coordinator. A change in grade level assignment is not construed as a new role. Preference will be given to those applicants who have not previously attended a MRA Annual Conference. Grant recipients shall be awarded the PPLF Professional Development Grant only once. Applications will be considered only if postmarks are on or before the deadline date of January 1, 2011.

### **Method of Application**

The original and five copies of the application and support documents mailed by January 1, 2011 to:

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### **Grant Requirements:**

Grant recipients are expected to:

- 1) Use their participation in the MRA 2011 Annual Conference to enhance their professional abilities to improve reading instruction.
- 2) Write a reflection of how the MRA 2011 Annual Conference enhances their professional role.
- 3) Be involved in some manner in MRA and/or a local and/or special interest council in the coming year.
- 4) Notify the Michigan Reading Association office (800 MRA READ) immediately if unable to attend the MRA 2011 Annual Conference.

### **Questions?**

Contact MRA at **1-800-672-7323** or e-mail [mrappplf@gmail.com](mailto:mrappplf@gmail.com) or [mra@michiganreading.org](mailto:mra@michiganreading.org)