



THE BIG SKY LITERACY SUMMIT

Loving and Leading Large in Literacy

Scholarship Rules for Application

Due: APRIL 30, 2024

Time: 11:59 PM MST



[The Big Sky Literacy Summit 2024](#)

Scholarship Rules and Application Process

“We cannot become what we need by remaining what we are.”

John C. Maxwell

Due Date: April 30, 2024 (by 11:59pm MST / 1:59am EST)

Send submission to: jeanne@thetransformativereadingteacher.com

In the subject line, please include **“*The Big Sky Literacy Summit Scholarship Application.*”** Please note: You will receive a confirmation email that your application was received. All scholarship recipients will be notified via email on May 15 at 5pm MST.

Rules:

1. Applicants will complete and submit the required essay by April 30, 2024 (11:59pm MST).
2. State where you live (city, state, country).
3. If chosen for
 - a. **[The Reading League Montana](#)** Scholarships.** These scholarships are for Montana educators and Leaders who are also members of The Reading League Montana and they will cover the 2024 Big Sky Literacy Summit - August 1, 2, & 3, 2024 attendee registration and some travel expenses. \$1250 - [Membership for TRL-MT linked here](#).
 - b. **[The Transformative Reading Teacher \(TRTG\)](#)** Scholarship.** These scholarships are for anyone (national and international) and it will cover the 2024 Big Sky Literacy Summit - August 1, 2, & 3, 2024 attendee registration and some travel expenses. \$1250
 - c. **[AIM Institute for Learning and Research](#)** Scholarship.** This scholarship is for anyone (national and international) and it will cover the 2024 Big Sky Literacy Summit - August 1, 2, & 3, 2024 attendee registration and some travel expenses. \$1250
 - d. ***Joint Partner Scholarship by TRTG / Amy Siracusano / [Stephanie Stollar’s Reading Science Academy](#)*** Scholarship.** This scholarship is for anyone (national and international) and it will cover the 2024 Big Sky Literacy Summit - August 1, 2, & 3, 2024 attendee registration and some travel expenses. \$1250

4. Before, during and after The Summit, each scholarship recipient will be responsible for:
 - a. Preparing an introduction of themselves including a little personal and professional information, to be presented prior to a session.
 - b. Introducing one of the conference speakers, prior to a breakout session. (The scholar will be able to select the speaker they'd like to introduce. We will provide you with additional information about the speaker once chosen.)
 - c. Be prepared to tell your personal transformation story of taking information from the 23' Summit to your classrooms, schools and communities. This will happen in April or May of 2024.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Please write an essay of 500 words or less that states how following the [laws of leadership, as outlined by John C. Maxwell](#) have helped you become the leader and / or educator you are today. If you have a leadership mentor (like John C. Maxwell teaching at the Summit 24') we'd love to hear about how he/she/they have influenced your journey as well.
2. Write a personal growth goal addressing how you will be focusing your learning. The Grand Literacy Round topic areas are:
Loving and Leading Large in Literacy - John C. Maxwell
Systems, Assessment and Instruction - Yaacov Petscher
The Language Foundations of Reading Comprehension - Hugh Catts
Redefining Dyslexia - Tim Odegard, Margaret Snowling, Charles Hulme, Hugh Catts, Julie Washington, Tiffany Hogan
The Teacher of all Things Literacy: Cultivating the genius in all children - Elsa Cardenas Hagan
Language is Everything! - Julie Washington
3. If you are applying for The Reading League Montana Scholarship, you must be a TRL-MT member. [Sign up here.](#)
4. Please write a statement of need addressing how the funds would be used. We understand some districts or employers pay attendee fees while others pay for travel reimbursement so by expressing how the funds would be used we will allocate the money in a way for the most benefit to you.

****Types of Scholarships**

- 1) **The Reading League Montana** - There are three regional scholarships \$1250. This means educators from three regions of Montana (eastern, central, and western) will receive a \$1250 stipend and one person, and based on their statement of financial need, we'll allocate the funds as appropriate.
- 2) **The Transformative Reading Teacher** - There will be one \$1,250 scholarship given to a scholar from anywhere (national or international). This means the scholar will receive a \$1250 stipend and it can be allocated towards attendee fees and some travel expenses. The registration fee for all scholars is \$699 unless a VIP seat is specified, which is \$899.
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