

Kern Reading Association Scholarship 2008

Application Filing Date: April 15, 2008

**KERN READING ASSOCIATION
ATTN: MARSHA KETCHELL
P.O. Box 10837
Bakersfield, CA 93389**

Eligibility Requirements

1. Continuing credential students, enrolled at least half time.
2. Maintains a minimum of 3.0 GPA for academic work. (Under certain circumstances, students with a lower GPA may be considered)
3. Meet with the scholarship committee if so requested.
4. Member of KRA with up to date dues.
5. Submit the following to the Kern Reading Association, attn. Marsha Ketchell, by the April 15, 2008 deadline.
 - 2008 Kern Reading Association Scholarship Application
 - Most current academic transcript
 - Essay
 - Two letters of recommendation

Procedures

Completed applications should be sent to Kern Reading Association, ATTN: Marsha Ketchell, P.O. Box 10837 Bakersfield, CA 93389. Those applications meeting the above criteria will be forwarded to the scholarship committee.

Students selected to receive scholarship will be notified by May 30, 2008.

Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the 2008 Kern Reading Association Scholarship. The steps listed below will assist you in the completion of your application. Scholarships are merit based. Successful candidates should demonstrate leadership in extra-curricular school activities, community activities, employment, or personal situations. Strength and breadth of academic program, grades and test scores are considered. Students must be U.S. citizens/permanent residents or have official refugee status. Applicants must be California residents and graduates of California high schools. Applicants must be available for interviews in May, 2008 if requested by the scholarship selection committee.

Completing Your Application

You may complete the application by hand or with word processing software. The KRA application consists of:

- Kern Reading Association Application
- Personal, academic and extracurricular information
- Essay based on the selection of one of three (3) essay topics

Attach any additional pages to the back of the scholarship application. Please keep a copy of your completed application for your records.

Two (2) Signed Letters of Recommendation

Two (2) signed letters of recommendation are required. An educator must write at least one letter. Include both letters with your application materials. A person of your choice may write the second letter.

Essay Instructions

You will be assessed on your ability to answer the following questions. Please be thoughtful an answer the questions directly. Please attach your response to one essay question. Your answer should not exceed 350 words.

Please respond to one out of the following three questions and check which questions you are answering:

- ___ 1. Reflecting on your personal experiences and/or circumstances, tell us something about yourself not already or sufficiently communicated in your application that distinguishes you as a potential scholarship candidate.
- ___ 2. What do you believe are the three most challenging issues facing teachers today and what solutions would you offer to solve these issues?
- ___ 3. Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most, whether you believe you possess some or all these qualities, and describe an experience where you have developed and/or demonstrated these traits.

Submitting Your Application

Submit the following application materials in **ONE ENVELOPE**:

- KRA Application (2 pages)
- Completed Essay
- Two (2) signed Letters of Recommendation, (at least one from an educator).
- Unofficial copy of COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY transcript.

Applicants who are selected may be interviewed in May, 2008. Applications missing any element listed above are considered incomplete and may not be forwarded to the scholarship screening committee. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2008**. Late applications will not be forwarded to the scholarship screening committee. Return completed applications to:

Kern Reading Association
Attn: Marsha Ketchell
P.O. Box 10837
Bakersfield, CA 93389

For information call:
Kern Reading Assoc. Members

Marsha Ketchell 661-833-8686
Delani Bair 661-665-9112

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APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR NEATLY PRINT ON APPLICATION

NAME: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YEAR IN COLLEGE: _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

MAJOR: _____ MINOR: _____

CAREER/PROFESSIONAL GOAL: _____

NUMBER OF COLLEGE SEMESTERS COMPLETED THROUGH JANUARY 2008 _____

NUMBER OF COLLEGE UNITS COMPLETED THROUGH JANUARY 2008 _____

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

Certification

IMPORTANT: Your signature below is required. Without your signature, your application is not complete. I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate and that all statements and essays are my own work. The Kern Reading Association Scholarship Award may be denied or revoked if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate. Should I receive an award, I give to the Kern Reading Association 1) to utilize my name and award amount in any publicity or marketing materials and 2) to release my name, address, phone number and email address to the individual donor or groups who fund my scholarship.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (IN INK)

DATE OF APPLICATION

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT: The purpose of this section is to determine the use of your non-classroom time. Please list any other factors that bear on the use of that time including (but not limited to) employment, family obligations, rehearsals, and any special projects (i.e., research activities or creative endeavors). You must indicate the amount of time spent weekly on each activity.

Extracurricular Activities – Please add additional pages as needed.

Activity	Description (note any leadership positions)	Hours per week	Dates Involved	
			From	To

Employment (Paid)- Please add additional pages as needed.

Job Title	Description	Hours per week	Dates Involved	
			From	To

Volunteer Work and Community Service (Unpaid) – Please add additional pages as needed.

Organization	Description of Service or Work	Hours per week	Dates Involved	
			From	To

Honors and Awards – Please add additional pages as needed.

Honor / Award Name	Description	Date Received