**Portland Reading Council Literacy Educator Scholarship**

*The Portland Reading Council, an affiliate of the Oregon Reading Association, is a professional organization dedicated to increasing the understanding of literacy and promoting equitable access to reading and writing in the school and community. We provide a forum for teachers and community members to explore current literacy theories and practices, thus enhancing the teaching of reading and writing, and promoting lifelong literacy.*

**Scholarship Overview**

The Portland Reading Council is offering a $500 scholarship for a student pursuing a degree in literacy education. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, materials, or course-related expenses.

**Eligibility**

The candidate must be:

* A current member of Portland Reading Council and Oregon Reading Association.

\*Find $25 membership offer at: <https://pcira.wordpress.com/join-pcira/>

* Currently enrolled in a teacher education program at an accredited university or college in Oregon as a junior, senior, or graduate student.
* Pursuing a degree, certificate or endorsement in the field of education with a focus on literacy.
* An educator who exemplifies the characteristics of knowledge, professionalism and leadership combined with a dedication to promoting lifelong literacy.

**Procedure**

Complete the following items and send as one document to [pciraliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:pciraliteracy@gmail.com) by November 30, 2016:

1. The Literacy Educator Scholarship **Cover Sheet**
2. A **Personal Mission Statement**, not to exceed 500 words typed in 12-point font. Discuss what impact you seek to make through literacy education. Information *may* include professional goals, future plans, promotion of equity in instruction, or philosophy of literacy education.
3. A **Candidate’s Vitae**, not to exceed three pages typed in 12-point font. Please include your educational background, extracurricular and community activities, any professional experience, affiliations, honors and awards.

**• Two separate letters of recommendation are required.** One should come from an instructor at your college, and another should come from a community member who knows you professionally. The professional recommendations should consider the applicant’s knowledge, professionalism, leadership, along with any special honors and awards, community involvement, and school activities. Each recommendation should not exceed one page.

Note: The letters of recommendation are to be sent by the authors directly to the Portland Reading Council via email by **November 30, 2016**. [pciraliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:pciraliteracy@gmail.com)

**Find this document online: http://www.portlandreadingcouncil.org/events/literacy-educator-scholarship/**

**Literacy Educator Scholarship Cover Sheet**

**Date**

**Name of Applicant**

**Address**

**City, State, Zip**

**Telephone (Cell) \_**

**E-mail**

**Current College Classification** (check one)

**Junior Senior Graduate**

**Name of Institution**

**Major**

**Current Grade Point Average**

**For Internal Use: Verification**

* **Current Member of the Oregon Reading Association & Portland Reading Council**
* **Verified by Portland Reading Council Membership Director**

**Letter of Recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Applicant for the Portland Reading Council Literacy Education Scholarship**

*The professional recommendation should consider the applicant’s knowledge, professionalism, leadership, along with any special honors and awards, community involvement, and school activities. Each recommendation should be typed in at least 12-point font and not exceed one page.*

***Please submit to*** [**pciraliteracy@gmail.com**](mailto:pciraliteracy@gmail.com) ***by November 30, 2016. Thank you.***