**Portland Reading Council Literacy Educator Scholarship**

*The Portland Reading Council, an affiliate of the Oregon State Literacy Association, promotes literacy*

*and a lifelong love of reading in our communities through the empowerment of educators.*

**Scholarship Overview**

The Portland Reading Council is offering a $1,000 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 junior, senior, or graduate student currently enrolled in a teacher education program at an accredited university or college in Multnomah or Clackamas County, Oregon.
* 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 Word document by January 15, 2020 to portlandreadingcouncil@gmail.com

1. The Literacy Educator Scholarship **Cover Sheet** (on page 2)
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 **January 15, 2020.**

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

**Major**

**Current Grade Point Average**

**How will these funds benefit your education journey?**

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

**Applicant for the Portland Reading Council $1,000 Literacy Educator 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. Use letterhead if available.*

**Please submit to** **portlandreadingcouncil@gmail.com** **by January 15, 2020. Thank you.**