



Reading Recovery® Council
of North America

GERI STONE MEMORIAL FUND

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS Application

ABOUT THE GERI STONE MEMORIAL FUND

The Reading Recovery Council of Michigan, family members, and friends established **The Geri Stone Memorial Fund** to remember the leadership of Geri Stone who passed away in 2002. Geri Stone was one of Michigan's first Reading Recovery teachers and served as Reading Recovery teacher leader for the Livonia, Farmington, and Utica Public School Systems. Mrs. Stone was an active leader and a major advocate for Reading Recovery. She chaired the first Michigan Reading Recovery Institute and was instrumental in forming the Reading Recovery Council of Michigan. Each year funds are donated to The Geri Stone Memorial Fund to provide scholarships and awards in her memory. The Fund is administered by The Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA), a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

GERI STONE MEMORIAL FUND GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Geri Stone Memorial Fund Grants & Scholarships Program provides financial awards to help continue the work of Geri Stone, and RRCNA's vision to *"prevent literacy failure by supporting specialized and continuous professional development that results in strong teaching to improve student achievement."* Scholarships in the amount of \$500 - \$750 can help fund:

- Training new Reading Recovery teachers, teacher leaders or university trainers;
- Professional development for Reading Recovery teachers;
- Reading Recovery teachers and/or administrators who need funding to assist with early literacy advocacy, research, and evaluation.

The Geri Stone Memorial Grants & Scholarships Program is a national competition. Applications will be reviewed and selected by a committee representing the Stone family, RRCNA, and the Reading Recovery Council of Michigan. Favorable consideration will be given to applications that:

- Have a compelling purpose or need;
- Demonstrate a deep commitment to furthering Reading Recovery; and
- Can document the activities or outcomes associated with the scholarship.

In the event of a tie, a Michigan resident will be given additional consideration. Awards will be announced from RRCNA and during the Michigan Reading Recovery Institute each year.

Instructions

All three sections of the Geri Stone Memorial Fund Application must be **postmarked by September 15th**. **Complete applications can be sent via mail or fax to:**

**The Geri Stone Memorial Fund
The Reading Recovery Council of North America
500 West Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 250
Worthington, OH 43085
Fax: 614-310-7345**

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Section I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name _____

Organization _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

FAX _____ Email _____

I am a Reading Recovery Trainer Teacher Leader Site Coordinator Teacher
(check one only) District Administrator Principal Other _____

Affiliated with (Name of University, District, or School) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Number of years in Reading Recovery (include training year) _____

Name of Teacher Leader _____

Are you a member of RRCM or RRCNA? YES NO

Application, answers to essay questions, and letter of recommendation must be submitted simultaneously and postmarked by September 15th. Complete applications can be sent via mail or FAX to:

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Worthington, Ohio 43085
FAX 614-310-7345*

I certify that the information in this application is accurate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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Section II. ESSAY QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions using 8 1/2x11 white paper. Written responses should not exceed 2 single-spaced typewritten pages.

1. **Describe the purpose of your request and provide a budget of how funds will be used. The purpose must respond to at least one of the following categories:**
 - Training a new Reading Recovery teacher, teacher leader or university trainer;
 - Professional development for Reading Recovery teachers;
 - Reading Recovery school systems that need funds for early literacy efforts;
 - Reading Recovery teachers and/or administrators who need funding to assist with early literacy advocacy, research, and evaluation.

2. **How will this grant or scholarship help to advance Reading Recovery?
What do you hope to accomplish?**

3. **Briefly describe the need for financial assistance.**

4. **How will the outcomes be evaluated and reported?**

SECTION III. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach a brief letter of recommendation written by your direct supervisor that supports your grant application. It must be written on official stationery and include the supervisor's title and contact information.

Reminder: Essay answers and letter of recommendation must be attached to the application.

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