



VSLA INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AWARD Guidelines and Application Form

Description/Overview:

This award is available to Virginia State Literacy Association members attending a literacy conference and/or conducting literacy-based professional development/research outside the United States of America. This \$425 award is divided into two parts: \$200 for conference travel expenses and \$225 to cover professional development, research materials, or conference fees. The award will be presented to an individual and/or group, and the total amount will be divided among the recipient(s). Recipient(s) will present a session sponsored by the International Projects Committee at the VSLA annual conference the following year.

Eligibility:

The award recipient(s) must be (a) member(s) of the Virginia State Literacy Association.

Instructions:

- 1) Completed application with signature of willingness to present at the VSLA Conference and verification by the VSLA Membership Chairs. (Signature may be “typed” within the form).
- 2) Completed proposal detailing the following: 1) need for the presentation/professional development, 2) purpose and goals (including how the goals will be measured), 3) how the proposed presentation / professional development “fit” with the conference venue or community in which the professional development will take place, and 4) how the proposer’s local chapter may benefit from the project.

Timeline:

Application Due: January 10

Name of Recipient and Rubric to Awards Chair: February 1

Notification of All Applicants: February 6

Presentation of Award: VSLA Annual Conference

**Send your application form via Word Document, PDF or scanned document to
VSLA International Projects Co-Chair:**

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International Projects Award Application Form

Name of Presentation: _____

Conference/PD Name and Place: _____

Date of Conference/PD: _____

PROPOSAL: Detailed Description of Presentation, including: 1) need for the presentation / professional development, 2) purpose and goals (including how the goals will be measured), 3) how the proposed presentation / professional development “fit” with the conference venue or community in which the professional development will take place, and 4) how the your local chapter may benefit from the project. **You may include additional pages if necessary. (TWO PAGE MAXIMUM.)**

Name(s) and Contact Information of Presenter(s)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
e-mail _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
e-mail _____

Verification

Name of Local Chapter _____

Name of Local Chapter President _____

Agreement

I (We) the undersigned agree to make a presentation at the VSLA Conference next year about this experience in a session sponsored by the International Literacy Committee.

VSLA International Projects Award Scoring Rubric

Requirements (Must have all “Yes” indicators in order to be considered for the scholarship):

	YES	NO
Member of VSLA?		
Application complete		
Signature indicating willingness to present at VSLA next year		
Conference presentation or professional development is taking place outside of the USA		
Project directly addresses an aspect of literacy		

SCORING RUBRIC

Component	Not addressed in the description of the presentation 1 point	Weak Evidence 2 points	Some Evidence 3 points	Strong Evidence 4 points
ESTABLISHED NEED: Proposal provides information on the need for the proposed presentation / professional development. In the case of a conference presentation, this might include a literature review. In the case of professional development, this might involve a needs assessment, documentation of established need from the community involved.				
PURPOSE / GOALS: Purpose and goals of the presentation / professional development is clear.				
ASSESSMENT: Outlines how the purpose/goals will be measured.				
“FIT”: Proposal for a presentation / professional development is well-matched to the conference venue or community setting in which it will take place.				
BENEFITS: Beyond the recipients of the presentation/professional development, the proposal contains an explanation of how the project or project results will be used to benefit local chapter activity/members.				
Total				/20