



VSLA VICTORIA OAKLEY LITERACY GRANT

Description/Overview:

This grant is in memory of Victoria Oakley, President of the Virginia State Literacy Association (2008-2009). Victoria's extensive career encompassed numerous roles, including that of reading teacher, elementary school principal, Director of Instruction, and Assistant Superintendent for Richmond Public Schools. Victoria Oakley had a particular passion for supporting students with dyslexia. She leaves a legacy of advocacy and dedication.

Eligibility:

The Victoria Oakley Literacy Grant(s) will be offered annually for up to \$2,000 to a member of VSLA in good standing who seeks professional development/learning focused on dyslexia or research-supported ways of teaching/supporting students who are struggling/striving readers. Professional development activities may include, but are not limited to, college courses, professional development sessions/seminars, conference attendance, professional books, and classroom materials.

Application Instructions/Requirements:

- 1) Grant Application Cover Sheet.
- 2) Applicant vitae or resume
- 3) Detailed description of how the funds will be utilized
- 4) One letter of recommendation from a current supervisor/principal/professor
- 5) Digital photo of the applicant
- 6) **Recipient will be expected to present what they learned and/or outcomes at the VSLA conference or a local chapter meeting or event within a year of receiving the grant.**

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 the VSLA Victoria Oakley Literacy Grant Chair at

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VSLA VICTORIA OAKLEY LITERACY GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name of Applicant:

Mailing Address:

Preferred Telephone:

Preferred Email:

Present Position/Title:

Place of Employment (School/Division):

Are you a VSLA member in good standing?

Local Chapter of VSLA:

Required Items to Attach with Cover Sheet:

1) Applicant's vitae/resume: Educational background, Professional experience, Presentations and Professional Affiliations

2) Detailed proposal including:

- an explanation of how the applicant proposes to use the funds
- a justification for why the applicant is pursuing the proposed learning opportunity; how is this important to students' literacy and/or teachers' literacy instruction
- an explanation of how the grant will benefit the recipient's professional life now or in the future
- a timeline/calendar of project
- an itemized budget for anticipated expenses/use of grant funding

3) A letter of recommendation from a current supervisor/principal/professor

4) A digital photo (jpg file) of the applicant

Victoria Oakley Literacy Grant Rubric

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

	YES	NO
VSLA Member in Good Standing		
Grant cover sheet complete		
Letter of Support Included		
Proposal is included		
Itemized budget		
Digital photo included		

SCORING RUBRIC

	Strong Evidence 3 Points	Some Evidence 2 Points	Weak Evidence 1 Points	Not addressed 0 Points
SUMMARY: Proposal provides information on what, where, when and how the grant will be used.				
RATIONALE: Proposal includes clear explanation of how this will affect applicant's professional life now or in future.				
PLAN: Proposal explains how the project will be conducted and timeline.				

ANTICIPATED RESULTS: Proposal includes explanation of expected results and impact on students' literacy and/or teachers' literacy instruction.				
BUDGET: Proposal includes itemized planned expenditures.				
Total Points (Maximum 15 Points)				