



## **2009 Youth Leaders for Literacy Grant Application**

**Youth Leaders for Literacy** is an initiative of the National Education Association (NEA) and Youth Service America (YSA) to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2009, and culminates on YSA's Global Youth Service Day, April 24–26, 2009.

**Who can apply?** Youth, ages 21 or younger (either individuals or groups).

**How many grants are awarded?** Each year, the National Education Association awards 20 grants of \$500 each to student-led initiatives.

**When are winners announced?** Winners will be announced in January.

Please fill out this application thoroughly and send it to:

Youth Leaders for Literacy Grants  
NEA Public Relations  
1201 16th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

***Applications must be postmarked by October 30, 2008.***

What do judges look for?

- Youth leadership in developing and implementing the project
- The involvement of youth in preparing and submitting the grant application
- The capacity of the individual or group to administer the grant
- The impact of the project on those providing service and those being served
- Complete applications, including all requested support materials

***Thank you, and best of luck!***

**Youth Leaders for Literacy Application**  
**PART I**

**1. Please check one. I am:**

- An individual conducting a literacy service activity.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

My adult sponsor:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- A member of a group conducting a literacy service activity.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

There are (indicate how many) \_\_\_\_\_ members in my group. They are:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

(Use additional paper to add more names.)

Group name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Our adult sponsor:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**2. If I (we) win a grant, the check should be made out to:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Provide information about the person completing this application (students are encouraged to complete the application).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Role \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual applicant, group member, club sponsor, club president, etc.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (night) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Provide information about your school/organization.**

School/organization name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Web site (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II**

(If necessary, use additional paper.)

**1. Describe how and why you decided to do a literacy service project.**

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**2. Describe your literacy service project.**

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**3. Explain how your project will benefit your community.**

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**4. Tell us what book has had the greatest effect on your life, and why.**

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**5. Tell us how your project will create greater awareness and understanding about the importance of literacy.**

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**6. Provide a detailed budget showing how grant funds will be used to implement your project. If your budget exceeds \$500.00, please list other funding sources.**

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**7. Share your extended vision for your literacy service project.**

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**8. How did you find out about the Youth Leaders for Literacy program?**

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**PART III—Supporting Documentation**

(Please attach a letter from the adult supervisor of the project, i.e., parent, principal, librarian, and a written budget.)