

*Dr. Richard P. Williams*  
*Reading Specialist Scholarship*

*Oklahoma Reading Association is pleased to announce continuation of a scholarship program for deserving educators who are pursuing an Oklahoma Standard Reading Specialist Certificate. This \$500 scholarship will be granted to an educator who meets the qualification specified below. The applicant must:*

- . . . Hold current valid Standard Oklahoma Teaching Certificate.*
- . . . Desire to earn an Oklahoma Standard Reading Specialist Certificate.*
- . . . Be eligible for graduate study in reading at a state university and be able to provide proof of such eligibility.*
- . . . Be a member of ORA and a local reading council.*
- . . . Be recommended by three professionals (public school or higher education) who know of the applicant's ability to complete a graduate program and/or instructional performance.*
- . . . Submit a brief autobiography which includes personal and professional goals and establishes need for this scholarship.*
- . . . Previous winners are NOT eligible.*

*The attached pages include the application and three references forms. The reference forms are to be completed by three professional educators who can establish the applicant's need, professional competence, and potential for successful graduate study.*

*The ORA Scholarship Committee will meet during the week following the February 1 deadline to screen all applications and select the scholarship winners. The winner will be notified by telephone and letter and will be an honored guest at an ORA award event. The check will be presented at that time.*

*ORA is committed to further its members' mutual goal of improving reading instruction in Oklahoma. This scholarship program is one of the ways through which the organization strives to achieve this goal.*

*Submit application by **February 1.***

**Oklahoma Reading Association**  
**Standard Reading Specialist Certificate Scholarship**  
**Application Form**  
Deadline: **February 1**

Please type or print all information.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the Oklahoma Reading Association.      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Local Reading Council.

Standard Teaching Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am certified in the following areas: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional References: (Applicant is responsible for obtaining references from three professionals (public school educators, local reading council officers, or professors in higher education) who are familiar with the applicant's ability to complete a graduate program and/or applicant's instructional performance. Completed references and the application forms must be received at ORA by **February 1**.)

Attach:

- . . . Proof of eligibility for graduate study.
- . . . A brief autobiography that includes personal and professional goals, teaching and other work experience and your need for this scholarship.
- . . . Reference forms completed by three professionals.

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*Reference Form*

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Applicant's Name:

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In the space below (or attach statement) describe the applicant's qualifications for the ORA Scholarship for graduate study leading to the Standard Reading Specialist Certificate.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Signature:

Note Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope or mail to Oklahoma Reading Association scholarship coordinator:

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