

River of Words

An International Poetry and Art Contest for K-12 Students

Every year the non-profit organization, River of Words, and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress sponsor an international poetry and art contest for K-12 students. Through taking part in this contest, teachers and students are inspired to begin exploring the natural and cultural history of their own homegrounds.

The winning submissions and children's paintings are exhibited at museums, libraries, and other venues around the world.

For more information about the River of Words contest, go to www.riverofwords.org or call 510-548-POEM.

Deadline is February 15

Teacher As Writer Grant APPLICATION GUIDELINES

In order to encourage CCIRA members to become involved in Teacher as Writer support groups, the Colorado Council of the International Reading Association has developed the TAW Grant Program.

Successful applicants will receive up to \$500 to help develop a Teacher as Writer group. Please read the criteria and send a complete application form to:

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Falcon, CO 80831

For questions: karenm52@yahoo.com or nancyjurka@aol.com

Application must be postmarked by:	April 30
Applicant notified by:	May 20
TAW Grant Funding by:	June 10
Spending Plan/Receipts by:	CCIRA Conference

Criteria for Selection

1. The application form **must** be postmarked by April 30 or August 30. Applications will not be returned to applicants.
2. TAW grant winners **must** be members of CCIRA. CCIRA membership number **must** be included on the application. In addition, at least 50% of your TAW group **must** be members of CCIRA.
3. The proposal must have direct impact on involving teachers in writing. The purpose of the group is to encourage teachers to become active writers, discover their own writer's voice, and to pursue a passion for writing.
4. The proposal must be outlined in detail according to the application form guidelines.
5. All grant recipients must be willing to present information, including handouts, about projects at the CCIRA State Conference as well as in other ways that reach the CCIRA membership.
6. TAW Grant winners will be responsible for submitting their receipts and actual spending plan before or at the CCIRA Conference. The receipts must reflect that the money was spent according to the grant proposal or the money will need to be returned to CCIRA.



Teacher As Writer Grant APPLICATION FORM

Nomination Instructions for Teacher as Writer Grant:	
Completion of this form in print or type is necessary in order to apply for a CCIRA TAW Grant. Please use a separate sheet of paper to outline the proposed project and attach it to the form.	
Name	
CCIRA Membership #	MANDATORY
Home Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone Number	Home: _____ School: _____
E-mail address	Home: _____ School: _____
School and District	
School Location	

Project Information

1. A title for the project
2. A statement of the proposed activity and the number of people to be involved. Include names and CCIRA Membership numbers for prospective members of your group. Fifty percent of your group must be CCIRA members.
3. Objectives for the group.
4. How the group will be organized and promoted.
5. How this group will motivate, support, and guide teachers who wish to become writers.
6. The budget for the project, including author/teachers who will be utilized to guide and inspire the group. Priority will be given to applications with itemized budgets. The project money must be spent on experts to work directly with teachers and on materials to help teachers become better writers (such as starting a local association library of books to help teachers become published authors). Money may **not** be spent on classroom materials, refreshments, or travel/meeting expenses.
7. Sources of other monies to implement this project.

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You can also retrieve an application form electronically at www.ccira.org