

MRA Past Presidents' Legacy Fund
Beginning Teacher* Professional Development Grant 2009
Sponsored by MEEMIC Insurance Company
**Beginning teacher is in the first three years of teaching*

Application Part I

Title _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Current Teaching Position (Subject, Level) _____

Years of Experience in this Position _____

Previous Teaching Experience _____

Years of Experience in the Previous Position _____ Total Number of years teaching _____

Highest Degree Held _____ Major Emphasis/Specialty _____

Certification by the State of Michigan Yes _____ No _____

Current School _____ School District _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

District Superintendent (Title/Name) _____

Immediate Supervisor (Title/Name) _____

Yes No
(check on lines below)

Member of the International Reading Association _____

Member of the Michigan Reading Association _____

Member of a local council or special interest council _____

If yes, name of council _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Reading Association Conference? _____

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**Application Part II
Applicant's Personal Statement**

In 250 words or less, state your reasons for wishing to attend the 2009 MRA Summer Literacy Conference and why the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF) Conference Grant Committee should select you to receive the **PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009 sponsored by MEEMIC Insurance Company**. Give particular attention to how your participation in the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference will enhance your professional abilities to improve reading instruction and how you intend to be involved in some manner with MRA and/or a local council and/or a special interest council in the coming year.



If my application is approved I understand that I will 1) use my participation in the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference to enhance my professional abilities to improve reading instruction; 2) be involved in some manner in MRA, and/or a local and/or a special interest council in the coming year; and 3) notify the Michigan Reading Association office (800-MRA-READ) immediately if unable to attend the MRA 2009 Annual Conference.

On the attached Personal Statement form, I state my reasons for wishing to attend the Michigan Reading Association's 2009 Summer Literacy Conference.

Signature (Required): _____ **Date:** _____

Application postmark deadline: On or before July 1, 2009

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Past President's Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009 Form (Parts I & II)
- One letter of support. Letters are limited to one page each and must include the title of the signatory. You may choose to solicit a letter from an administrator, university instructor, mentor teacher, or teaching colleague who has close professional association and knowledge of your teaching.
- A Personal Statement of 250 words or less stating your reasons for wishing to attend the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference and why you should be selected the recipient of the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009. Please give particular attention to:
 - How your participation in the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference will enhance your professional abilities to improve reading instruction.
 - How you will be involved in some manner in MRA and/or a local council and/or special interest council in the coming year.
- Submit the application and support documents via postal services by July 1, 2009 to:
PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009
Michigan Reading Association
668 Three Mile Road NW, Suite C
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49544

Electronic submission may be made to the MRA website www.michiganreading.org or e-mail to mra@michiganreading.org on or before July 1, 2009.

- Notify the Michigan Reading Association Office (800-MRA-READ) immediately if you are unable to attend the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference.

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INFORMATION SHEET

What is the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF) Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009?

The PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009 sponsored by the MEEMIC Insurance Company will provide the registration fee to attend the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference. It is with the belief that involvement with and participation in the Michigan Reading Association will contribute significantly to the teacher's own professional development that MEEMIC Insurance Company provides this sponsorship.

Who May Apply?

For the purpose of this sponsored grant, **new or beginning teachers are defined as in their first three years of teaching.** Grant recipients shall be awarded the PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant only once. Applications will be considered only if postmarks are on or before the deadline date of July 1, 2009.

Methods of Application

An original application and four copies may be mailed by July 1, 2009 to:

PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009
Michigan Reading Association
668 Three Mile Road NW, Suite C
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Electronic submission may be made to the MRA website (www.michiganreading.org) or by e-mail to:
mra@michiganreading.org on or before July 1, 2009.

Grant Requirements:

Grant recipients are expected to:

- 1) Use the participation in the MRA 2009 Annual Conference to enhance their professional abilities to improve reading instruction.
- 2) Be involved in some manner in MRA and/or a local and/or special interest council in the coming year.
- 3) Notify the Michigan Reading Association office (800 MRA READ) immediately if unable to attend the MRA 2009 Summer Literacy Conference.

What is the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF)?

The Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF), inspired by Past Presidents of Michigan Reading Association was founded in October, 2006 in celebration of MRA's 50th anniversary. This permanently endowed fund, established by donor contributions, is intended to support selected activities for the next fifty years and beyond.

What is MEEMIC Insurance Company?

MEEMIC Insurance Company, founded nearly 60 years ago by a group of teachers, is a leading provider of auto, home, boat and umbrella insurance for Michigan educational employees and their families. Giving back to the community we serve is one way MEEMIC demonstrates its commitment to outstanding educational organizations like the Michigan Reading Association. MEEMIC recognizes the importance of professional development and is proud to sponsor the MRA Past Presidents' Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2009. For more information about MEEMIC Insurance Company, please visit the website at **www.meemic.com**

Questions?

Contact Michigan Reading Association (800-MRA-READ) or e-mail **mra@michiganreading.org**