

MRA Past Presidents' Legacy Fund
Beginning Teacher* Professional Development Grant for 2010 MRA Annual Conference
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 _____ Certified for teaching in the State of Michigan? Yes _____ No _____

Highest Degree Held _____ Major Emphasis/Specialty _____

Current School _____ School District _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

District Superintendent (Title/Name) _____

Immediate Supervisor (Title/Name) _____

Yes No
(check on lines below)

Are you a current member of the International Reading Association? _____

Are you a current member of the Michigan Reading Association? _____

If yes, what is your MRA membership number? _____

Are you a current member of a local council or special interest council? _____

If yes, which 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 2010 Michigan Reading Association Annual Conference and why the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF) Conference Grant Committee should select you to receive the **PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant**. Give particular attention to how your participation in the MRA 2010 Annual 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 2010 Annual 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.

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

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Past President's Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2010 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 2010 Annual Conference and why you should be selected the recipient of the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2010. Please give particular attention to:
 - How your participation in the MRA 2010 Annual 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 January 1, 2010 to:
PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2010
Michigan Reading Association
668 Three Mile Road NW
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 January 1, 2010.
- Notify the Michigan Reading Association Office (800-MRA-READ) immediately if you are unable to attend the MRA 2010 Annual Conference.

Application postmark deadline: On or before January 1, 2010

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INFORMATION SHEET

What is the Past Presidents' Legacy Fund (PPLF) Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2010?

The PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2010 sponsored by the MEEMIC Insurance Company pays, for top qualifying applicants, the registration fee to attend the MRA 2010 Annual Conference and one year's membership to the Michigan Reading Association. 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 January 1, 2010.

Methods of Application

An original application and four copies may be mailed by January 1, 2010 to:

PPLF Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant 2010
Michigan Reading Association
668 Three Mile Road NW
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 January 1, 2010.

Grant Requirements:

Grant recipients are expected to:

- 1) Use the participation in the MRA 2010 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 2010 Annual 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 2010. 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