**Berneeta Campbell Memorial Grant for Innovative Elementary Classroom Practices**

Berneeta Campbell was a lifelong educator and former member of MRA, who spent nearly five decades working with students. Her profession saw tremendous change during her career, given that she began teaching in a one room school house in Butternut Township, MN, and retired from a modern elementary school in Lake Crystal, MN. Berneeta’s passion and expertise for reading was evident in her relentless approach to work with all students, but especially those who struggled to read. Through the years, Berneeta stood out as an educator because she never stopped learning about how to improve her craft. She once said, “I’ve come to learn that life is like a classroom, for each day life offers me an opportunity to learn.” This memorial honors not only the spirit of Berneeta, but also those who share an equal passion for furthering and advancing literacy instruction at the elementary level through innovative practices.

**Deadline: April 1, 2019**

**Section A – ALL information is required (incomplete applications will be withdrawn)**

Project Title:

Local Reading Council:

Grant Applicant’s Name/Position:

MRA Membership Number and renewal date:

**(You must be a current member to apply for a grant. Log in to mnreading.org and check profile to find this information.)**

Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

Home Address:

Work Address:

**Section B:** In the follow section, we ask that you provide information for the following items.

1. Need for the proposed project.

2. Major objectives.

3. Description of the proposed project, including procedures/methods, practicality, target population, and dissemination (the extent to which this project could be shared and/or duplicated within other MRA Local Councils).

4. Description of the evaluation procedure (how project success will be determined).

5. List of all persons associated with the project, their qualifications, and their duties.

**Section C: BUDGET**

Attach a proposed budget. You may request up to $500. Be specific. Include descriptions and costs.

**Send completed application as an attachment to** **mstruck01@hamline.edu**

**Deadline: April 1, 2019**

Projects must be completed by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

**Selection Criteria and Point Values**

20 NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Project demonstrates a need for the project.

20 TARGET POPULATION: Target population is identified, along with the extent

to which the project benefits preschool through adult learners and involves parents, teachers, administrators, and the community.

20 CREATIVITY: Project features a unique approach to promoting reading

15 OBJECTIVES: Project objectives are clear and are based on the needs of

the target population.

15 PRACTICALITY: Project’s activities or results are related to programs within the educational institution or the community.

10 DISSEMINATION: The extent to which the project can be disseminated to other MRA Members

**Additional Guidelines:**

1. Non-profit groups, schools and homeschools (represented by an MRA member) are eligible to apply.

2. Grant recipients must wait one year before reapplying.

3. Grant recipients must fulfill the following responsibilities:

-complete an evaluation form

-recognize MRA on all materials and books supported by grant (a rubber stamp will be supplied for stamping books)

-submit an article to MRA Newsletter; *Highlights* about the grant project