

Arkansas Humanities Council

Guidelines for

Raising Education Achievement and Competence in the Humanities

(R.E.A.C.H.) Grant Application

Who May Apply

The Arkansas Humanities Council invites grant applications from kindergarten through twelfth grade public, private, or parochial schools within Arkansas. Not-for-profit organizations may apply for a R.E.A.C.H. grant if they are working collaboratively with a local school and/or school district and the school is the primary beneficiary.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for a Raising Education Achievement and Competence in the Humanities (R.E.A.C.H.) grant, the applicant organization must meet the requirements set forth by the Arkansas Humanities Council:

- The project must have a strong humanities component and must include one or more of the following: language studies, history, anthropology, archeology, social studies, ethics, English language arts, English as a Second Language (ESL), English Language Learners (ELL), and literacy.
- The school must be located in Arkansas.
- The school must secure at least one or more humanities scholar(s) for the project and a signed Humanities Scholar Participation Agreement form must be submitted for each.
- It is required that a humanities scholar from outside the school be secured for the project. For example, the scholar may be a literacy specialist from the school district or teach history at a local college or university (A humanities scholar is someone who has expertise in the humanities stated above.)
- In order for an application to be considered, the school principal and district superintendent must approve and sign the cover sheet accompanying the grant application.
- The grant period must not exceed one year.
- The grant request must not exceed the \$2,000 limit. A detailed budget is required.
- The project must correlate with the Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks.
- All professional development conferences must be an Arkansas Department of Education sanctioned conference.

- The application must include a concrete and verifiable evaluation process which clearly indicates the outcomes of the project based on evidence such as a comparison of a pre- and post test of knowledge or skills. Other evidence could be a comparison of pre- and post attitudinal surveys.

Eligible Activities

Raising Education Achievement and Competence in the Humanities (R.E.A.C.H.) grant may be used for the following.

The following expenses are eligible for inclusion within the grant application*:

- Books and E-books (individual and classroom sets): All books must have a humanities content component within the text and must augment what is being studied in the classroom
- Assistive technologies for students with disabilities
- Bilingual materials and books
- Maps and globes
- Language software
- Equipment (\$1,000 limit): computers, printers, cameras, playaways, etc.
- Educational software
- Paper, pencils, pens, and other similar items
- Field trips (bus driver fees, fees for the use of the bus, and entrance fees.)
- Substitute teachers (licensed or non-licensed)
- Honoraria (may not exceed \$250.00 per person)
- Fees for authors and guest lecturers
- Mileage (up to .51 per roundtrip mile)
- Meals and refreshments
- Exhibits
- Teacher and librarian professional development (in-state or out of state)
- Travel expenses for teachers and librarians attending conferences (lodging, meals, airfare, and mileage)
- Conference registration (in-state or out of state)

***The above represents just some of the allowable expenses for the R.E.A.C.H. grant. If uncertain as to whether or not a requested item is allowable, please contact Jama Best, Senior Program Officer at 501.320.5761 or jamabest@sbcglobal.net .**

Deadline for Submission

The deadline for R.E.A.C.H. grant applications is first day of each month (except December). This is a postmarked date.

Please mail the **original signed application and six copies** to Jama Best, Senior Program Officer, Arkansas Humanities Council, 407 President Clinton Avenue, Suite 201, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Grant Period

The following timeline for processing grant applications and implementing projects is stated below.

- Deadline for submission: First day of each month
- Grants awarded: During the last week of each month, except December.
- Funds availability: On or around the 15th day of the month following the month in which application is received and awarded.
- Grant evaluation report deadline: Final reports are due 90 days following the end date of the grant period.

Applications

Applications for the Raising Education Achievement and Competence in the Humanities (R.E.A.C.H) grant may be obtained through the Arkansas Humanities Council website www.arkhums.org or by contacting Jama Best, Senior Program Officer, Arkansas Humanities Council, 407 President Clinton Avenue, Suite 201, Little Rock, AR 72201, 501.320.5761 or jamabest@sbcglobal.net .

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