



## **Montana Reads Call for Reviewers**

The Office of Public Instruction is looking for reviewers for the Montana Reads Grant.

We are excited to invite qualified professionals and experts in literacy and education to join our team of reviewers for the Montana Reads Grant. Your participation as a grant reviewer will help support the advancement of innovative literacy projects aimed at improving reading and writing skills across diverse communities.

### Why Become a Reviewer?

Reviewers have the opportunity to contribute to meaningful educational change through the selection of high-quality literacy proposals. By lending your expertise, you'll help identify the most impactful and innovative plans submitted by applicants.

### Responsibilities of a Reviewer:

1. Evaluate grant proposals based on rubric
2. Provide constructive feedback to applicants, helping to strengthen their proposals
3. Collaborate with fellow reviewers in an open and professional manner
4. Submit your review evaluations on time to ensure the grant process runs smoothly and efficiently

### Qualifications:

We are looking for individuals with experience in the following areas:

- Literacy, specifically the Science of Reading and Disciplinary Literacy
- Public education systems
- Curriculum implementation
- Program evaluation
- Grant implementation
- Participation in the school change process

### Time Commitment:

- Each proposal will require an estimated 3-4 hours of evaluation time plus a 1 hour consensus meeting.
- Reviewers are asked to review at minimum 3 applications and can choose to review more as they have time to review. Choosing to review in sets of three will be most helpful for

- Deadlines for completing reviews are set to ensure that the grant program stays on schedule.
- Review timeline can be found below. All meetings and trainings will be virtual.
  - Training March 14-28
  - Review period March 26-April 23
  - Consensus meetings April 24-May 1

How to Apply:

Please complete the online application form found here:

<https://forms.gle/swpZAP7R68d596RS6>

The application will ask for:

- A current resume
- Your professional background
- Experience in literacy, education, or grant review
- Any potential conflicts of interest

Compensation:

Selected reviewers will be paid \$125 per application they review.

Important Dates: (All meetings are virtual)

- **Application Deadline for Reviewers:** Feb. 28, 2025
- **Training Period:** March 14-28
- **Review Period:** March 26-April 23
- **Consensus Meetings:** April 24 - May 1

If you have any questions about the review process, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Montana schools through the review process!

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