



IDA 2026 ANNUAL READING, LITERACY & LEARNING CONFERENCE

November 12-14, 2026

Las Vegas, Nevada

2026 Scholarship Application for *In Person or Virtual On-Demand Experience*

For Educators and Pre-Service Teachers / Students!

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ELIGIBILITY: Educators & administrators at all levels may apply, with classroom teachers especially desirable. Pre-service Teachers currently registered as students also eligible. There will be In-Person scholarships at \$1000 each, and virtual scholarships awarded in the amount of \$400 each, depending on the application requests, until the total \$5000 scholarship donation is awarded.

NOTE: Applicants must live or work within the geographically defined boundaries of the Oregon Branch, Including the Southwest Washington counties of Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania and Klickitat.

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| Full Name: | Date: |
| Street Address: | Home Phone: |
| City, State, Zip: | Work Phone: |
| E-Mail Address: | Mobile Phone: |
| School / School District: | Current Position: |
| District Website: | Grades Taught: |
| Years of Teaching or Administrative Experience: | Professional Credentials Held: |

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| Are you a member of IDA now? | If yes, IDA Member ID (from your membership card): |
| Have you attended previous IDA or Oregon Branch conferences? If yes, what years? | Have you previously received a scholarship from the IDA or the Oregon Branch? If yes, what date(s) |
| <p>Please check one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am applying for <i>In Person</i> Scholarship* (\$1,000)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am applying for <i>On-Demand</i> Scholarship* (\$400)</p> <p><i>*Note, participants need to register and secure travel and accommodations out of pocket and then they will receive their scholarship award as reimbursement on site at the conference, or once the on-demand videos have been released.</i></p> | |
| Please state your reasons for wanting to attend the IDA conference: | |
| Please state how you would use the information, techniques and strategies learned at the conference: | |

Please state your philosophy and motivation for working with children and/or adults with learning differences:

Please state **your** financial need for this scholarship:

Please write how the needs of "at risk" students are met in your school.

When completing this application, please use BLACK INK only whether using a computer or by hand.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Sunday June 21st by 11:59 pm, 2026

E-MAIL Application to: scholarship@orbida.org

All applicants will be notified by July 1st to be able to register at the Early Bird Rate