**Florida Writers Foundation**

**Educational Grant Program**

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**The FWF Grant Program**

The Florida Writers Foundation, Inc. (FWF) is a nonprofit corporation formed to promote literacy by enhancing writing skills in children, teens, and adults. We partner with existing programs and initiatives as well as developing new programs. A sister organization of the Florida Writers Association (FWA), the two groups have many volunteers in common who have made a difference in people’s lives by visiting elementary schools for reading days, sponsoring poetry contests, donating books to schools, and contributing funds to promote school writing contests. FWA helps the Florida Writers Foundation raise funds by hosting a silent auction during the annual Florida Writers Conference. Another fundraiser, the Florida Writers Foundation Celebrity Workshop, takes place right before the conference. These funds are designated for organizational grants, according to the following guidelines.

**Educational Mission of FWF:** The educational mission of the Florida Writers Foundation and financial grants for qualified organizations in Florida who engage in educational activities and projects that are compatible with the FWF mission. These organizations may include public or private schools, PTA’s, nonprofits, or other institutions whose projects and activities fit the parameters, values, and mission of the FWF.

**Grants:** The FWF will determine the number of recipients of educational funds each year, and the amount of each award, based on the previous year’s fundraising efforts. Understanding that the amount of funds varies from year to year.

**Qualifications & Requirements:** The FWF will take a variety of factors into account when determining who to award grants to, and the amounts of the awards. Therefore, applicants should submit a packet that includes a cover letter, the appropriate application from the FWF website, and the requested documents.

**Application Process:** Please visit our website, floridawritersfoundation.net, to download the appropriate application. Scholarship applications should be submitted by May 1, and grant applications by September 1. The Committee will review the applications and notify applicants within two months whether they have been selected. Public announcement of the scholarships and grants will be made at the Florida Writers Celebrity Workshop in the fall. Recipients will be invited to the conference, where they will be given the funds. Applicants who are not selected to receive a scholarship or grant are welcome to reapply the following year.

**Reapplying the Following Year:** Applicants who were not selected to receive a scholarship or grant are welcome to reapply the next year. Those who were selected to receive funds are also welcome to reapply the following year. Recipients of an award do not automatically receive funds the next time around. Each award is a one-time scholarship or grant.

**Getting the Word Out:** The Florida Writers Foundation wants as many organizations as possible to know about the opportunities to apply for the FWF grants. Information will be disseminated electronically by email and social media. We will include the information in our all Conference materials and announcements. Plus, we’ll issue a news release for the award announcements at the fall Florida Writers Celebrity Workshop.

**Follow-up for Grant Recipients:** Representatives of the organization should report back with photographs and event results of the grant-supported program or project.

For More Information

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**FWF Grant Application**

Please complete the below information to the best of your ability and return to dimickmelodydean@gmail.com. Grants will be accepted between annually between January 1 and April 30. Public award announcements will be made on June 1.

* Name of person submitting:

2. Email address:

3. Mailing address:

4. Phone number:

5. Name of project for which the grant will be used:

6. Is this a new project or an ongoing one?

7. For how many years has this project been happening?

8. Total number of people expected to participate in this project:

9. Company/organization spearheading the project:

10. Company/organization purpose/services:

11. Company/organization geographic area served:

12. Company/organization CEO/Executive Director:

13. Company/organization website:

14. Company/organization mailing address:

15. Company/organization phone number:

16. Number of full-time paid employees, part-time paid employees, and volunteers:

17. Tax ID #:

18. Location where project will take place:

19. Brief description of project and how it will increase the love of reading/writing:

20. Total funds being requested:

21. Specific statement about how requested funds will be used:

22. Total cost of project – including all other sources of funds:

23. Period of time over which funds will be spent:

24. Period of time the project is expected to continue:

25. List of other groups/organizations who are providing funds:

26. What kind of PR will this project receive?