



## 2014 Florida Reading Association's Reading Teacher of the Year Nomination Procedures

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The following requirements must be met in nominating a candidate for the 2014 Florida Reading Association (FRA) Reading Teacher of the Year for elementary, middle and high school levels.

- Prior to **July 31, 2014**, participating districts/councils must select candidates who will represent the district/council as the Florida Reading Association Reading Teacher of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Please submit one candidate per level. The method used to select the candidate may vary according to the district.
- Submit the completed nomination packets **with a cover letter** from the district reading contact listed on the District K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan verifying that the nominees have been selected as the District/Council Reading Teachers of the Year.
- Include **three letters of recommendation per nominee of no more than one page in length**. These may be selected from colleagues, the teacher's principal, an administrator and/or a civic or community leader. Letters should evidence how the candidate meets the nomination criteria.
- **No more than three recommendation letters will be accepted per applicant.**
- Mail the original application packet **including materials requested** to the address provided below.
- **Email electronic files and mail one hard copy of Sections I-II of the FRA Reading Teacher of the Year Application no later than July 31, 2014, to [onechalkdust@verizon.net](mailto:onechalkdust@verizon.net) under the subject line: FRA Reading Teacher Award.**
- FRA will consider and review only the materials requested in the nomination packet, thus additional materials submitted with the application will not be considered.
- **The state level winner will receive a cash prize of \$300 and a certificate of recognition.**

**Packets must be  
postmarked no later than  
July 31, 2014**

**The nomination packet should be forwarded to:**

Ann Smith  
4142 Camino Real  
Sarasota, FL 34321

Selection committee members from FRA will choose one winner each for elementary, middle and high school.

If your District/Council Reading Teachers of the Year are selected as winners, they will be notified by September 30, 2014. **Florida Reading Association will make the announcements to the media and publish the identities of the winners on the FRA website at [www.flreads.org](http://www.flreads.org).** The winners will be recognized at the annual FRA Conference in Orlando.

# Eligibility

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**Each district or local council may nominate only one reading teacher at the elementary school level, one reading teacher at the middle school level and one reading teacher at the high school level. Only the district reading contact or local council contact may submit the nomination.** Nominations should be made without regard to race, age, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

**The following full-time district educators who are members of FRA and a local/county reading council (where applicable) are eligible for nomination:**

- Full-time elementary, middle or high school classroom teachers responsible for reading instruction for students on a daily basis – Grades K-5
- Full-time reading intervention teachers – Grades K-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12
- Disciplinary Literacy Teachers – Grades K-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12

# Selection Criteria

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**Each district/council nominee will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:**

- Demonstrates a superior ability to foster excellence in education and contribute to the continuous improvement of student learning and the school environment;
- Displays expertise in the area of reading and an ability to effectively use materials relating to reading instruction;
- Utilizes original and/or innovative instructional materials and methods such as cooperative learning and interdisciplinary instruction, uses research based programs, develops new instructional materials and uses technology to facilitate reading instruction;
- Maintains a record of superior teaching performance as evidenced by data driven student gains, annual performance assessments and/or recognition of work;
- Actively participates in continued professional development as evidenced by conference attendance or presentation, participation in relevant training and/or advanced degrees;
- Demonstrates leadership in educational activities at the school, district, and/or state and national level, such as active membership in FRA, a local Reading Council, in a Reading Leadership Team, task force, or professional organization or through involvement as a grade level or department chair;
- Displays exemplary interpersonal skills in communicating with students, parents and community members as well as in collaboration with other professionals;
- Participates in peer coaching and mentoring activities;
- Utilizes innovative research techniques, such as action research, to enhance the quality of education;
- Engages parents/families in the learning process to enhance student literacy achievement;

- Promotes literacy through the use of reading strategies in instruction and/or the implementation of projects intended to enhance student reading skills;
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to creating a climate of caring and respect conducive to effective teaching and learning;
- Evidence of dedication to his/her community through active participation in service-oriented projects, volunteer work, etc.



# Instructions for Completing Sections I and II of the 2014 Florida Reading Association's Reading Teachers of the Year Application

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Respond to both of the following sections. **Responses must be typed, double-spaced, utilizing a font not smaller than 11 point on white copy paper only.** Begin each section on a new page. At the top of the page, specify the section number and title. (A sample header should read as follows: **"I. Educational History and Professional Development Activities."**) If the section allows more than one page for the response, the subsequent pages need only be identified with the section number.

Limit your answers to the number of pages requested in each section. In fairness to all applicants, only the number of pages requested will be reviewed.

## **I. Educational History and Professional Development Activities**

(Limit response to two pages)

**Provide a copy of your resume, to include the following information.**

1. Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
2. Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history, indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
3. Beginning with the most recent, list.
  - Professional association memberships
  - FRA membership
  - Local/county reading council membership (if applicable)
  - Information regarding offices held and other relevant activities undertaken within the five-year period preceding the filing of this application
4. Beginning with the most recent, list.
  - Staff development leadership activities
  - Training in instructional strategies and/or leadership
  - Activities in the training of current teachers undertaken within the five-year period preceding the filing of this application
5. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and honors in recognition of your teaching abilities.
6. Provide all relevant data that will support your effectiveness as a reading teacher.

## **II. Reading Teacher Philosophy**

(Limit response to five pages)

Respond to the question below. **Response must be typed, double-spaced, utilizing a font not smaller than 11 point on white copy paper only.**

Summarize your philosophy of teaching. Be sure to include how your philosophy is reflected in the following areas:

1. Professional Development
2. Student Instruction
3. Promoting a Culture of Literacy (give specific examples and include student performance data)



## 2014 Local Council or District Nomination Form Reading Teacher of the Year

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**Elementary School  
Reading Teacher  
of the Year Nominee:**

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**Middle School  
Reading Teacher of  
the Year Nominee:**

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**High School Reading  
Teacher of the Year  
Nominee:**

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**School District:**

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**Name of District  
Reading/Local Council  
Contact:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**District Reading/Local  
Council Contact  
Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**District Reading/Local  
Council Contact's  
Numbers:**

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax

**District Reading/Local Council  
Contact's email address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that this nomination is submitted with my approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local Council/District Reading Contact's Signature



# 2014 Elementary Reading Teacher Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Home Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
( )  
Home Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
District

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Work Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
( )  
School Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
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School Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Teaching Reading

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years in Present Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject Area(s) in which you hold a Florida Teaching Certificate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you a current member of: FRA?  Yes  No | IRA?  Yes  No | Local Council?  Yes  No

FRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ IRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Local Council Membership (county) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**All areas of the application must be completed.**

Signing of this form also indicates that you give FRA permission to use your name and photograph in various forms of publications, such as the FRJ, FRA newsletter, websites and other promotional materials. I further understand that FRA assumes no liability or responsibility whatsoever concerning any consequences of such use.



## 2014 Middle School Reading Teacher Application Form

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Home Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
District

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Work Email Address

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School Telephone

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School Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Teaching Reading

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years in Present Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject Area(s) in which you hold a Florida Teaching Certificate:

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1

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3

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4

Are you a current member of: FRA?  Yes  No | IRA?  Yes  No | Local Council?  Yes  No

FRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ IRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Local Council Membership (county) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## 2014 High School Reading Teacher Application Form

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Home Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
District

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Work Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
School Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
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School Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Teaching Reading

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years in Present Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject Area(s) in which you hold a Florida Teaching Certificate:

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4

Are you a current member of: FRA?  Yes  No | IRA?  Yes  No | Local Council?  Yes  No

FRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ IRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Local Council Membership (county) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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