

Books for STL Kids Grant Application

Books for STL Kids invites organizations and programs that have a strong literacy component to apply for grants to purchase brand-new books from the First Book Marketplace to help the children they serve build their personal libraries and inspire a love of reading. If your program is interested in books for a specific event or if your program needs fewer than 600 books, we encourage you to consider applying for our micro- or event grants. Event-based programs will not be considered for this grant application.

Grant applications are accepted on two cycles ending on June 30 and December 30.

*** Required**

Contact Information

1. Name of Organization *

2. You must have a First Book ID to be eligible for this grant. Please list your ID here. *

3. Address *

Award Notification

You will be notified by email of your award. We request a secondary contact because sometimes contacts change between application and award, and we want to be sure that your organization receives your award. This is also how funds will be delivered so please ensure someone is monitoring the email box provided.

4. Contact Name (first and last) *

5. Email (primary contact for award notifications) *

6. Phone (primary contact for award notifications) *

7. Secondary contact, email, and phone *

Past Awards and Books for STL Kids Connections

Please share any information about prior experience with Books for STL Kids.

8. My organization has received an award from Books for STL Kids (formerly First Book St. Louis) before. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

9. Please list previous awards (amount or number of books and award cycle, if known).

10. Have you attended any Books for STL Kids events? Please select all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- Largest Book Party
- Holiday Breakfast
- Book Party in a Bag
- On-site Book Party
- Trivia
- None

Other: _____

11. Would you be interested in learning more about Books for STL Kids volunteer opportunities?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

Organization/Program Information

Please answer the following questions about your organization or program.

12. Please share your organization's/program's mission. *

13. Do you have: *

Check all that apply.

- Federal tax-exempt status?
- State nonprofit status?

14. Please upload documents confirming tax-exempt and nonprofit status. Do not submit a Form 990. *

Files submitted:

15. What percentage of the people you serve are low-income? (Awards are prioritized to organizations who serve 80% or more.) *

16. How do you determine low-income status (i.e. free-and-reduced lunch, etc)? *

17. Which of the following groups do you work with? *

Check all that apply.

- Pre-kindergarten (ages 0-4)
- Kindergarten through 1st grade (ages 5-6)
- 2nd through 3rd grade (ages 7-8)
- 4th through 6th grade (ages 9-11)
- 7th grade and higher (ages 12+)

Other: _____

Demographic Information

For the following questions, please enter numerals only.

18. What percentage of children served by your program are White? *

19. What percentage of children served by your program are Black or African American? *

20. What percentage of children served by your program are American Indian or Alaskan Native? *

21. What percentage of children served by your program are Asian? *

22. What percentage of children served by your program are Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander? *

23. What percentage of children served by your program are Hispanic or Latino? *

24. What percentage of children served by your program are Other? *

25. If other, please describe.

**Book
Request**

The following questions ask about the numbers and types of books you are requesting. Only enter numerical values. Put 0 if the answer is none.

26. How many Pre-Kindergarten (birth – age 4) books do you need? *

27. How many Kindergarten through 1st grade (ages 5-6) books do you need? *

28. How many 2nd through 3rd grade (ages 7-8) books do you need? *

29. How many 4th through 6th grade (ages 9-11) books do you need? *

30. How many 7th grade and higher (ages 12+) books do you need? *

31. How many TOTAL books do you need? *

32. How many books will each child receive from this distribution? *

Book
Distribution
Project
Description

Please answer the following questions to help Books for STL Kids understand how your book distribution and program relates to our mission of putting books into the hands of children and ensuring that children are building their own libraries to inspire of love of reading.

33. Why are you applying for a grant to purchase books? *

34. Describe the goals and objectives of the literacy component of your program. *

35. How will the books you're requesting be used? *

36. Describe how you will ensure that books from Books for STL Kids will become the permanent property of the children in your program. *

37. How will you evaluate the impact of brand-new books on children? *

38. How will you promote an award from Books for STL Kids? (i.e., newsletter, press release, social media posts, etc) *

Do you receive other books?

We know it's rare for one award to meet all your needs, so we're curious what other community partners you're working with. If you receive books from others, it will not disqualify you from a possible Books for STL Kids award.

39. Do you receive books from any other sources? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

If yes, please answer the following:

40. How many books do you receive?

41. From where, or which organizations, will you receive the books?

42. When will you receive the books?

43. Are the books new or gently used?

Check all that apply.

Brand-new books

Gently used books

Not sure

Other: _____

Final Questions

Please acknowledge the following statements.

44. My organization does not discriminate against individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion or physical or mental disability. *

Check all that apply.

I agree.

45. The books received through this grant will not be resold or distributed outside of the parameters of this grant. *

Check all that apply.

I agree.

46. I understand that if my program is selected for a Books for STL Kids grant, the program's name may be used in Books for STL Kids materials, including but not limited to the Books for STL Kids Facebook page and website. *

Check all that apply.

I agree.

47. I understand that I must order all books within 6 months after granted funds are received. *

Check all that apply.

I agree.

48. I understand that I must complete a Grant Report and submit to Books for STL Kids at the end of the 6 month grant period. *

Check all that apply.

I agree.

- 49. I understand that along with my final report, I must submit the receipt from my First Book Marketplace purchase. *

Check all that apply.

I agree.

- 50. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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