

**Kern Reading Association Scholarship 2021**  
**Application Filing Date: April 15, 2021**

**KERN READING ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. Box 10837**  
**Bakersfield, CA 93389**

**Eligibility Requirements**

1. Continuing credential student enrolled at least half time.
2. Maintains a minimum of 3.0 GPA for academic work. (Under certain circumstances, students with a lower GPA may be considered)
3. Meet with the scholarship committee if so requested.
4. Member of KRA with up to date dues.
5. Submit the following to the Kern Reading Association by the April 15, 2021 deadline.
  - 2021 Kern Reading Association Scholarship Application
  - Most current academic transcript
  - Essay
  - Two letters of recommendation

**Procedures**

**Completed applications should be sent to Kern Reading Association**

**P.O. Box 10837 Bakersfield, CA 93389.**

**Those applications meeting the above criteria will be forwarded to the scholarship committee.**

**Students selected to receive scholarship will be notified by May 20, 2021**

**Application Instructions**

Thank you for your interest in the 2021 Kern Reading Association Scholarship. The steps listed below will assist you in the completion of your application. Scholarships are merit based. Successful candidates should demonstrate leadership in extra-curricular school activities, community activities, employment, or personal situations. Strength and breadth of academic program, grades and test scores are considered. Students must be U.S. citizens/permanent residents or have official refugee status. Applicants must be California residents and graduates of California high schools. Applicants must be available for interviews in May 2021 if requested by the scholarship selection committee.

## **Completing Your Application**

You may complete the application by hand or with word processing software. The KRA application consists of:

- Kern Reading Association Application
- Personal, academic and extracurricular information
- Essay based on the selection of one of three (3) essay topics

Attach any additional pages to the back of the scholarship application. Please keep a copy of your completed application for your records.

## **Two (2) Signed Letters of Recommendation**

Two (2) signed letters of recommendation are required. An educator must write at least one letter. Include both letters with your application materials. A person of your choice may write the second letter.

## **Essay Instructions**

You will be assessed on your ability to answer the following questions. Please be thoughtful and answer the questions directly. Please attach your response to *one* essay question. Your answer should not exceed 350 words.

Please respond to one out of the following three questions and check which questions you are answering:

\_\_\_1. Reflecting on your personal experiences and/or circumstances, tell us something about yourself not already or sufficiently communicated in your application that distinguishes you as a potential scholarship candidate.

\_\_\_2. What do you believe are the three most challenging issues facing teachers today and what solutions would you offer to solve these issues?

\_\_\_3. Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most, whether you believe you possess some or all these qualities, and describe an experience where you have developed and/or demonstrated these traits.

## **Submitting Your Application**

Submit the following application materials in **ONE ENVELOPE**:

- KRA Application (2 pages)
- Completed Essay
- Two (2) signed Letters of Recommendation, (at least one from an educator).
- Unofficial copy of COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY transcript.

Applicants who are selected may be interviewed in May 2021. Applications missing any element listed above are considered incomplete and may not be forwarded to the scholarship screening committee. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2021**. Late applications will not be forwarded to the scholarship screening committee. Return completed applications to:

Kern Reading Association  
P.O. Box 10837  
Bakersfield, CA 93389

For information contact: Kern Reading Association Member  
Brenda Russell @ silkyterrier2@att.net

**KERN READING ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP 2021**

**APPLICATION**

**PLEASE TYPE OR NEATLY PRINT ON APPLICATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CAREER/PROFESSIONAL GOAL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF COLLEGE **SEMESTERS** COMPLETED THROUGH JANUARY 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF COLLEGE **UNITS** COMPLETED THROUGH JANUARY 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

**IMPORTANT: Your signature below is required. Without your signature, your application is not complete.** I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate and that all statements and essays are my own work. The Kern Reading Association Scholarship Award may be denied or revoked if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate. Should I receive an award, I give to the Kern Reading Association 1) to utilize my name and award amount in any publicity or marketing materials and 2) to release my name, address, phone number and email address to the individual donor or groups who fund my scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (IN INK)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF APPLICATION

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT:** The purpose of this section is to determine the use of your non-classroom time. Please list any other factors that bear on the use of that time including (but not limited to) employment, family obligations, rehearsals, and any special projects (i.e., research activities or creative endeavors). You must indicate the amount of time spent weekly on each activity.

**Extracurricular Activities – Please add additional pages as needed.**

Activity	Description (note any leadership positions)	Hours per week	Dates Involved: From	To

**Employment (Paid) – Please add additional pages as needed.**

Job Title	Description	Hours per week	Dates Involved: From	To

**Volunteer Work and Community Service (Unpaid) – Please add additional pages as needed.**

Organization	Description of Service or Work	Hours per week	Dates Involved: From	To

**Honors and Awards – Please add additional pages as needed.**

Honor /Award Title	Description	Date Received