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The Helen Gill Memorial Research Grant is intended to support teachers in conducting Action Research that focuses on the improvement of literacy instruction. Grants will be awarded up to \$500, although priority will be given to smaller grants in order to provide support for a number of inquiry projects. Individuals or collaborative groups may apply. To be eligible for funding, the project must be conducted in an action research format with a focus on reading/writing or literacy. Upon completion, the grant awardee(s) must share the project in the form of an article, a new publication for MRA, or a presentation at the Michigan Reading Association Annual Conference.

Eligibility. All applicants must be members of the Michigan Reading Association and be active teachers with full-time or half-time teaching responsibilities. Preference will be given to classroom teachers. Applicants may submit one proposal.

Deadline. Proposals must be postmarked by **June 15, 2016**.

Review Process. An MRA Committee will review the grants and submit recommendations to the MRA Board of Directors. Recipients will be notified by August 1, 2016. The grant cycle will run from August 2016 through June 2017.

Completion of Projects. Projects must be completed by June 15, 2017. A progress report should be submitted to the MRA subcommittee mid-way through the project (January 2017), with a final report due at its completion. Grant recipients will be recognized for their awards at the 2017 MRA Annual Conference. A report of each project will be disseminated to the MRA membership through at least one of the following channels: a presentation at the next annual conference, an article in the *Michigan Reading Journal* or *News & Views*, or a new publication for MRA.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

Please submit the proposal in an easily accessible electronic format to mra@michiganreading.org. To remain eligible for consideration, proposals must be complete, on time, and comply with the following guidelines. The completed proposal should contain five sections in the following order:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cover sheet2. Title and 100-word summary (do not include your name)3. Description of the proposed action research (not to exceed 5 pages) (do not include your name)4. Budget summary form (budget must not exceed US \$500) (do not include your name)5. Reference letters |
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