



BARBARA PARK MEMORIAL LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM Application

**We are pleased to invite all AZ schools to apply for the
Barbara Park Memorial Literacy Grant program!**

Mission Statement: To award grants up to \$25,000 per year to support and promote literacy and joy of reading in elementary schools through grant funding, courtesy of Barbara and Richard Park.

Description: Richard Park, in memorial to Barbara Park, will award up to 50 grants of up to \$500 each to schools who meet the following criteria.

How To Submit This Application:

Applications must be submitted by email to twilliams@gsbooks.com or can be mailed/delivered to BARBARA PARK MEMORIAL LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM c/o GBS Books, 11226 N. 23th Avenue, Suite 103 Phoenix, AZ 85029. Application must be received by 5:00pm, Friday, April 7th, 2017. No exceptions.

Criteria To Qualify:

1. School must have a functioning library
2. Applicant must be employed by the school
3. School in K-8 range (i.e. K-3, 4-8, K-8)
4. School must meet or exceed 50% eligible for free or reduced-price lunch program according to 2016-2017 MDR School Directory or by district confirmation.
5. School must be located in Arizona.
6. School Enrollment must exceed 300 according to 2016-2017 MDR School Directory.
7. School-wide access (grant books must be available to all students).
8. School cannot win a grant two years in a row.

Award Process

1. Qualified applicants will be entered into a random drawing with award recipients to be drawn on April 14th, 2017.
2. Up to 50 (fifty) grants of up to \$500 each will be available at drawing (one grant per school).
3. Grants will go on account at GBS Books.
4. Grant monies must be spent to purchase fiction and nonfiction books, excluding professional development, manipulatives, workbooks, videos and textbooks, at GBS Books. No Classroom Sets.
5. Grant monies not spent by September 30th, 2017 will return to funds for future grants.

GBS Books is honored to partner with the BARBARA PARK MEMORIAL LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM.