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NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW ORLEANS–AREA EDUCATORS TO ATTEND GLOBAL LITERACY CONFERENCE

International Literacy Association launches equity scholarship for local teachers

Newark, Del. (March 12, 2019) — The International Literacy Association (ILA) is offering scholarships to the organization's 2019 conference, taking place at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center October 10–13 in New Orleans, LA. The program is open solely to educators who live within 100 miles of the location.

The ILA 2019 Conference will attract thousands of literacy educators, professionals and advocates from around the world. This is not the first time New Orleans has welcomed the organization (formerly the International Reading Association), who selected the city as the location for their 2014 conference.

Each equity scholarship includes a complimentary two-day registration and a stipend for related expenses. Recipients will have opportunities to attend sessions that are peer reviewed and rooted in research; explore innovative products and meet their favorite authors in the Exhibit Hall; and build valuable connections in their own backyard.

Location isn't the only determining factor. To qualify, applicants must demonstrate experience, dedication and need. Priority will be given to those working in underserved populations. Scholarship recipients must agree to share the knowledge gained at the conference with their colleagues. By requiring this, ILA hopes to extend the impact from a single attendee to an entire community of practice.

"Teachers, and especially those working in underserved districts, often face insurmountable obstacles to professional development," says ILA Executive Director Marcie Craig Post. "This new initiative supports ILA's commitment to equity and access."

The application period will be open March 12–April 30, and submissions will be evaluated by a panel of member volunteers.

To learn more, visit ilaconference.org/scholarship.

About the International Literacy Association

The International Literacy Association (ILA) is a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all through its network of more than 300,000 literacy educators, researchers and experts across 146 countries. With over 60 years of experience, ILA has set the standard for how literacy is defined, taught and evaluated. ILA's Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals 2017 provides an evidence-based benchmark for the development and evaluation of literacy professional preparation programs. ILA collaborates with partners across the world to develop, gather and disseminate high-quality resources, best practices and cutting-edge research to empower educators, inspire students and inform policymakers. ILA publishes *The Reading Teacher*, *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy* and *Reading Research Quarterly*, which are peer reviewed and edited by leaders in the field. For more information, visit literacyworldwide.org.

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