

Sample Grant Application for One Minute Reader

Grant Title: Home/School Fluency Program

Funds Requested: \$1,000.00

Number of Students Affected: 100 or more, depending on needs of students

Briefly summarize the proposed project and desired outcomes: Read Naturally offers a home program called One Minute Reader. I would like to purchase levels E to 2 to use for a check-out program. Teachers will send the program home with students who need reading fluency practice. Our school is currently using Read Naturally's classroom program for fluency development with students in grades 1 to 3. Our students who are below the benchmark in fluency need to spend time at home each day reading materials that are at an appropriate level in order to make greater gains in their fluency development. These students are often unable to obtain materials they can use to support their growth.

Describe clearly and concisely the intent of the program: Who and how many learners are to be affected: The intent of the project is to assist students in improving their reading fluency. Many students pass the oral reading accuracy part of the benchmark, but their reading rate and ability to read with expression is below grade level. Our ELL students also struggle with fluency and lack resources for obtaining appropriate home-reading materials. The repeated-reading model used in One Minute Reader has been identified by the National Reading Panel (2000) as the best tool for developing fluency. Up to 100 students in our building are below the benchmark in fluency and can benefit from the One Minute Reader program.

Describe as specifically and quantitatively as possible how the objective will be reached: Once materials arrive, I will conduct an in-service for teachers on the use of the program. Parents will be supplied with clear, concise directions on how to use the at-home program as well as the One Minute Reader video, which informs parents about how they can help their students. The students will benefit in two ways from the program: They will have extra practice reading nonfiction materials that are at an appropriately challenging level, and they will develop improved comprehension skills by answering the comprehension questions that are part of each story. The program also includes activities for developing vocabulary. These components will definitely benefit students with limited language proficiency, and they will encourage parents to support their children's progress.

Describe how this project will be evaluated and how you will assess the achievement of its objectives: Read Naturally's programs are nationally recognized, and scientific research indicates that increasing fluency increases comprehension. Pre- and post-tests will be given to the students using the program to track growth. We will also use a parent survey. The NWEA (MAP) score as well as benchmark assessments will also be used.

Provide specific information about costs: \$1000 buys the following*:

- 3 School Checkout Bundles (Levels E to 2)
- 3 Record Sheet Bundles (Levels E to 2)
- 2 timers

*See the current Read Naturally catalog for pricing and available materials to customize the program to fit your school's unique needs.