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Sarah Badgley Literacy Fund for Rural Ontario Children

Background

The Rural Learning Association established the Sarah Badgley Fund in 2002. The Ontario Library Association now administers the Fund. To date, more than 60 public libraries have received grants from the Fund.

A grant of up to \$500 per year is available to rural public libraries and to urban public libraries that serve rural clientele. The purpose of the grant is to support children’s literacy initiatives. Priority will be given to those libraries that promote the love of reading by using the grant for such things as literacy programmes (story time, book/activity bags for loan, etc.), book purchases, and/or equipment purchases (e.g., Lego, software and digital media). Connections to the positive literacy outcomes should be demonstrated in the request.

Application process

Phase 1:

For the first phase, applicants must submit the following details in the application form:

- The contact person’s name and address;
- The library for which the grant is sought;
- A preliminary budget; and
- A brief description of the project/initiative.

Phase 1 applications are due by end of April each year. To complete an application, please visit: <https://accessola.com/funding-opportunities/ola-funds/>

Phase 2:

The Selection Committee will then create a short list for the second phase of the application process. The libraries on this list will be asked to submit a full proposal with the following elements:

- The potential benefit to the children in the community;
- A detailed budget;
- The level of need in the community;
- Access to funding by other organizations;
- The relevance to literacy through the promotion of the love of reading.
- The planned project should focus on sustainability with a long-term impact rather than a short-term effect.



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The final application should be no more than two pages long and is due by Mid June.

Phase 3:

- Applicants will be notified of the results via email.
- Grant recipients will be issued a cheque.

For additional information, please contact the Selection Committee at sarahbadgleyselectioncommittee@accessola.com.

Application Deadlines (Exact dates available on OLA Website)

End of April: Phase 1 – Completed forms due.

Mid May: Applicants advised of results & full proposals (Phase 2) invited from selected libraries.

Mid June: Full proposals due. Instructions on what to include will be provided to the short-listed libraries.

Mid July: Final decisions are made and applicants are emailed the results.

Sarah Rosalind Badgley (1998-2001)

Sarah never learned to read, but she adored books and her local public library. In July 2001, at the age of three, she was killed in an automobile accident. Her parents, Susan and Kerry Badgley of Kemptonville, Ontario, initiated the Fund in her memory.

Donate!

If you wish to donate to the Sarah Badgley fund in its support for rural library services, please send your donation to the Ontario Library Association using the secured ink: <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=86> or you can send a cheque to:

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