Each year, two grants up to $1000 each, are available for projects to develop new classroom or library programs that raise awareness of multicultural literature among young people; particularly, but not exclusively, through the works of Virginia Hamilton.

Each year we will award one grant to a K-12 teacher, and one will be awarded to a school library or youth services librarian in a public library.

Eligible applicants must currently work with or plan to work with children or adolescents in any grade from preschool through high school or in a public or school library. Applicants must submit an application form, a professional reference and a proposal detailing the development of a new classroom or library program that:

- Promotes awareness of multicultural themes and issues through outstanding literature;
- Illustrates the use of exemplary multicultural literature, particularly but not exclusively the works of Virginia Hamilton;
- Demonstrates effective organization, methods and/or library service;
- Includes a plan for documenting the development of the program throughout the grant period.

Submit one copy of the proposal with the application form and include the following items:

- Cover sheet with your name, postal and e-mail address, telephone number and project title
- Detailed description of the proposed program that includes:
  - Setting (classroom and/or library)
  - Population (grade level and/or age range)
  - Program goals
  - Dates of the program and a detailed timeline of events
  - Program procedures, methods and organization
- Evidence that the program will promote awareness of multicultural themes and issues
- A program budget
- Evidence of the use of exemplary multicultural literature; particularly, but not exclusively, the works of Virginia Hamilton
- Plan for documenting the program’s development throughout the grant period
- Program evaluation procedure

Include your resume and completed application with the proposal.

Award application deadline is February 28.

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Kent State University Application Deadline: February 28. Please complete this application form and submit it with your proposal. Please send your application form and proposal to Dr. Meghan Harper, Virginia Hamilton and Arnold Adoff Creative Outreach Grant, School of Library and Information Science, PO Box 5190, 314 Library, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242.

**Personal**

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Home Address: ______________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _________ Zip: _______________
Preferred phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________

**Professional**

Public Library System or School District: __________________________________________
Public Library Name or Public School Name: _______________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _________ Zip: _______________
Preferred phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________

Library/School Community is (check one): _____ Urban    _____ Suburban    _____Rural
Teachers only: Grade Level(s): _________   Years of Experience: ________

**Educational**

Most Recent College/University Attended: _______________________________________
Degree Awarded Year: _______________

**Letter of Reference Information**

Please list below the name of the official submitting a letter of reference concerning the suitability of the project for the grant:

Signature: ___________________________________________________________________
Name: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________
Place of Employment: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________

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