



SCHOLASTIC OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

OVERVIEW

Goal is to raise the reading achievement levels of middle and high school students in Title I-eligible schools with significant numbers of students reading below grade level.

Supports new comprehensive reading initiatives or expansion of existing initiatives that:

- Improve the quality of literacy instruction across the curriculum
- Provide intensive literacy interventions to struggling adolescent readers
- Helps to build a strong, scientific research base for identifying and replicating strategies that improve adolescent literacy skills

K-12 Competitive Grant Programs

STRIVING READERS

FEATURED SCHOLASTIC MATERIALS FOR STRIVING READERS

- ▶ READ 180 Enterprise Edition
- ▶ READ 180 Seminar Series
- ▶ Scholastic Reading Inventory
- ▶ Scholastic Red Professional Development
- ▶ Thinking Reader

More materials aligned to Striving Readers can be found at *The Scholastic Funding Connection*:

www.scholastic.com/grants

USE OF FUNDS

1. Provide middle and high school students reading at least two years below grade level with supplemental interventions to improve basic skills, motivation, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension using research-based strategies
2. Provide professional development aligned with scientifically based reading research or integrating comprehension and literacy skills in the classroom across subject areas
3. Acquire, provide training for, and implement valid and reliable reading assessments that are based on scientifically based reading research to determine whether students are developing and improving reading skills
4. Design and implement a rigorous evaluation, including random assignment, of the grantee's literacy intervention that will measure whether the intervention was properly implemented and will track student performance in reading/literacy as measured by regular ongoing assessment as well as state assessment results

KEY POINTS

- **Striving Readers is a national competition in which eligible applicants apply directly to the USDOE.**
- **For more information about Striving Readers or to subscribe to the Striving Readers email list-serve, please see:**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/strivingreaders/index.html>