



## **SCHOLASTIC OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

# Competitive Grant Programs

## READING FIRST (RF)

### OVERVIEW

Reading First is designed to ensure that every child can read at grade level or above by the end of third grade. Funds can only be used for K-3 programs.

ALL RF instructional programs and materials, assessments, and professional development must be grounded in scientifically based reading research.

### USE OF FUNDS

Reading First funds must be used for the following activities:

1. A high-quality reading program that includes instructional content based on the five essential components of reading instruction:
  - ω Phonemic Awareness
  - ω Phonics
  - ω Fluency
  - ω Vocabulary
  - ω Text Comprehension
2. Rigorous screening, diagnostic, and classroom based instructional reading assessments that measure progress in the essential components of reading instruction
3. Implementation of instructional materials, including education technology such as software and digital curricula
4. Professional development for K-3 teachers and K-12 special education teachers that will prepare them in the five essential components of reading instruction
5. Collection and summary of valid and reliable data to document the effectiveness of RF
6. Promotion of reading and literacy programs that provide access to engaging reading material

### KEY POINTS

- **Reading First is a state competition in which eligible applicants apply to their State Education Agency.**
- **Supplemental materials may be purchased with RF funds IF they are based on scientifically-based reading research and are aligned with a comprehensive reading program.**

### FEATURED SCHOLASTIC MATERIALS FOR RF

- υ After the Bell Reading
- υ Classroom Libraries
- υ Fluency Formula
- υ Guided Reading Programs
- υ Guided Reading—Content Areas
- υ High Frequency Readers
- υ Interactive Phonics Booster Books
- υ Interactive Phonics Readers
- υ Phonemic Awareness Kit
- υ Phonics Booster Books
- υ Phonics Chapter Books
- υ Phonics Workbooks
- υ Scholastic Early Childhood Program
- υ Scholastic Decodable Readers
- υ Scholastic Phonics Readers
- υ Scholastic Reading Counts!
- υ Scholastic Reading Inventory
- υ Scholastic ReadingLine Kits
- υ Scholastic Red
- υ Scholastic TRIO
- υ Text Talk
- υ WiggleWorks (español)
- υ WiggleWorks—Guided Reading

More materials aligned to Reading First can be found at *Scholastic's Funding Connection*:

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