Books for
BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL
Kids

# - 2025 Grant Application -

## *Contact Information*

Name of organization _____

Contact person's name _____

Contact person's job title _____

Address to mail grant check _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Secondary contact's name _____

Secondary contact's email _____

## *Program Information*

1. Describe the mission of your organization.

2. Do you have: _____Federal tax-exempt status _____State nonprofit status

3. Tax Identification number _____

4. What percentage of the children you serve are low-income? _____

5. Check the areas that describe your program. (Select all that apply.)

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|---|---|---|
| _____After school | _____Health Services | _____School |
| _____Child Care | _____Home Visits | _____Shelter |
| _____Community Center | _____Library | _____Tutoring/Mentoring |
| _____Early Education | _____Parent Education | _____Other (describe) |

## *Literacy Information*

1. List the literacy goals for your program.

2. List ways the books from ***Books for BN Kids*** will be used to support your literacy goals.

3. How will you ensure the books from ***Books for BN Kids*** become the property of the children in your program?

4. How do you plan to integrate ***Books for BN Kids*** books into your program activities? (Select all that apply.)

_____Design a curriculum unit around the books.
_____Group or pair same age children to read to each other.
_____Select books that appeal to individual children's interest.
_____Teach parents how to read with their children.
_____Encourage children to read independently.
_____Select books that appeal to individual children's culture/native language.
_____Read the books aloud to groups.
_____Book buddies
_____Tutoring
_____Adults read one-on-one with children.
_____Other (please describe)

## *Book Information*

1. Record the number of books your program is requesting. **Grants are limited to $5,000**.

   - Multiply column B & Column C to calculate the total number of books requested.
   - Write the total in Column D.
   - If not all of the children enrolled in your program will be receiving books, complete the table to reflect the children that will receive books and not the total number of children enrolled.

| Column A<br>Grade Level | Column B<br>Number of Children | | Column C<br>Number of books requested per child | | Column D<br>Total number of books |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Early Learning | | x | | = | |
| Kindergarten & 1st Grade | | x | | = | |
| 2nd & 3rd Grade | | x | | = | |
| 4th & 5th Grade | | x | | = | |
| 6th through 8th Grade | | x | | = | |
| 9th through 12 Grade | | x | | = | |
| **Total** | | x | | = | |

## *Additional Information*

1. Have you received a grant from ***Books for BN Kids*** (formerly *First Book-McLean County*) before?

   _____Yes _____No

2. How will you promote the grant you receive from ***Books for BN Kids***?

   ____Photos on your web page _____Press release _____Other (please describe)

   ____Photos on your social media page _____Article in your newsletter

3. Have you attended any ***Books for BN Kids*** events? (Select all that apply)

   _____Trivia Night at Bloomington Country Club (October) _____Books, Bites, and Brews (April)

   _____Online Parties (Pampered Chef & Norwex) _____Fannie May Fundraiser (February)

4. I follow ***Books for BN Kids*** on their Facebook page.

   ____Yes ____No

5. I have visited **Books for BN Kids'** website.

   ____Yes ____No

## *Grant Agreement*

- ✓ **Please check if you agree to the terms of the grant.**

_____We will present lessons/activities with the reading of each book purchased.

_____When possible, we will involve the children's families in activities to develop a positive connection with reading as a family.

_____We will ensure the books become the property of the children, so they may begin to build a home library.

_____We will use the grant funds for book purchases, and not for other non-book items.

_____We will order books within six months of receiving the grant money.

_____We will submit receipts for books purchased with the awarded grant money to: **BooksForBloomingtonNormalKids@gmail.com**

_____***I understand that if we do not follow guidelines, we will lose funding and will not be considered for future grants for a period of five years.***

## *Additional Agreements*

- ✓ **Please check if you agree.**

_____I understand that if my program is selected for a ***Books for BN Kids*** grant, the program's name may be used in ***Books for BN Kids*** materials. (Including but not limited to: Facebook page, Website, Emails to donors, Press release)

____After we receive the books, I will e-mail photos to ***Books for BN Kids*** to be used on their website and Facebook page. I will only include photos where parents have signed their approval for publication. (You may also contact us to come & take photos.)

_____I will write the child's name inside the book.

_____ _____

Signature of person completing the grant application. Date

_____

Job Title

- **E-mail the completed grant application to:** BooksForBloomingtonNormalKids@gmail.com
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 48 hours. If you do not, please e-mail us.