



**Books for**  
BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL  
**Kids**

**- 2026 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> After school     | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services  | <input type="checkbox"/> School             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care       | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Library          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring/Mentoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Education  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Education | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Design a curriculum unit around the books.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Read the books aloud to groups.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group or pair same age children to read to each other.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Book buddies                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select books that appeal to individual children's interest.                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach parents how to read with their children.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults read one-on-one with children. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage children to read independently.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select books that appeal to individual children's culture/native language. |  |

## ***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	Column B		Column C		Column D
Grade Level	Number of Children		Number of books requested per child		Total number of books
Early Learning		x		=	
Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade		x		=	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade		x		=	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade		x		=	
6 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade		x		=	
9 <sup>th</sup> through 12 Grade		x		=	
<b>Total</b>		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](mailto: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](mailto:BooksForBloomingtonNormalKids@gmail.com)
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 48 hours. If you do not, please e-mail us.