

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Public elementary schools located in New Hampshire or Vermont with:

- At least 30% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch
- At least 25% of students scoring below proficient on reading and writing assessments
- A specific literacy-related schoolwide goal for the year
- An enthusiastic and organized individual to serve as a local coordinator and collaborate with CLiF on planning, organizing, and scheduling Year of the Book events (small stipend provided)
- CLiF will partner with schools of all sizes, but CLiF programming has the greatest positive impact when it serves no more than 250 students. CLiF will ask schools with over 250 students which grades they will choose to serve. The children served by the grant should represent more than 50% of the K-6 student body.
- A school that has received the Year of the Book grant must wait a minimum of 5 years before applying for the Year of the Book grant again.

How CLiF Will Select Grant Recipients

Criteria include:

- Demonstrated need, comprised of but not limited to percentage of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch and assessment reading and writing scores and written testimony
- Enthusiasm, creativity, and collaboration exhibited by the school staff
- Clear understanding of how this grant will benefit students and their families
- School commitment to fulfilling the award requirements described above