



YEAR OF THE BOOK

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Public elementary schools located in New Hampshire or Vermont with:

- At least 35% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch.
 - Vermont schools can find FRL data here: <https://education.vermont.gov/student-support/nutrition/school-programs/free-and-reduced-meals#report>
 - NH schools can find FRL data here: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-and-analytic-resources/bureau-of-education-statistics/free-and-reduced-lunch-eligibility>
- At least 30% of students scoring below proficient on reading and writing assessments.
- An enthusiastic and organized individual to serve as a local coordinator and to 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. Each year, pending available funding, CLiF offers an additional small school option for schools with 75 or fewer students. These schools fill out the regular application.
- A school that has received the Year of the Book grant must wait a minimum of 6 years before applying for the Year of the Book grant again – or 5 years from the completion of your momentum year.

How CLiF Will Select Grant Recipients

Criteria include:

- Demonstrated need, comprised of but not limited to percentage of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch, 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.