



Marci Resnick Teacher Fund

Application for 2015-2016 Academic Year Grants for
K-8 Teachers in Philadelphia Public Schools

Marci Resnick Teacher Fund awards are made in the memory of Marci Resnick, a longtime elementary school teacher, who was also director of the Philadelphia Writing Project and associate director of National Programs for the National Writing Project. Through her love of children, her passion for literacy and the arts, and her commitment to teacher networks, she brought excitement about learning to her students, her colleagues in Philadelphia, and thousands of teachers throughout the country. The Marci Resnick Teacher Fund was created to honor her life and work. You can find out more about Marci Resnick at www.nwp.org/r/marcimemorial.

In 2015 the Marci Resnick Teacher Fund will award grants of \$500 to elementary teachers, K – 8, in Philadelphia public and charter schools who are interested in deepening their work as classroom teachers and growing as teacher-leaders. Awards are intended to provide classroom teachers with access to resources for professional development or classroom projects. These funds might be used for service learning, development of cross-age tutoring or family literacy programs, educational travel that relates to professional development, and/or development of a classroom library or other special materials and resources for the classroom. Two awards will be designated specifically for teachers in the Philadelphia Writing Project.

Eligible teachers are invited to apply by May 6, 2015 for spring awards intended to fund activities starting in the Summer of 2015 through the 2015-2016 school year. Recipients will be required to make a final report to the Fund in the Spring of 2016 that includes a reflective narrative about the project along with selected artifacts documenting the project (e.g. student work, photographs, teacher journal, etc.).

Application procedures: Deadline May 6, 2015

Elementary teachers, K-8, currently working in Philadelphia public schools or charter schools are eligible to apply for these awards. Applications must be received by May 6, 2015. Teachers should complete the attached application form and mail it to this address:

Marci Resnick Teacher Fund

c/o The Philadelphia Writing Project
4201 Spruce Street, Building 1921
Philadelphia, PA 19104-7499

Application for Award – 2015/2016

Cover Sheet

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Phone# _____

Current grade level/s _____

Subject/s _____

Are you a member of the Philadelphia Writing Project? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, what year did you attend Summer Institute I? _____

Do you give permission for the use of your photograph in Fund materials and press releases if you receive this award? ___ Yes ___ No

Signature: _____

1. Please identify how you will use this award by checking the box or boxes below that apply:

- Professional Development and Teacher Inquiry (e.g. purchasing pedagogical books or materials; attending a professional conference; pursuing study of your own practice; participating in a collaborative inquiry group; educational travel that relates to the development of materials or teaching practice.)
- Literacy, Arts and Performance Projects (e.g. improving your classroom library; purchasing materials for writing, art and/or music projects; sponsoring student performances, purchasing software, cameras, audio/video recorders for student projects)
- Inter-classroom Activities and Collaborative Projects (e.g. cross-curricular planning and design with other teachers; collaboration with students in different classrooms or schools)
- Student Leadership and Community Engagement (e.g. developing youth leadership, working with community and/or parents, sponsoring service learning projects for students)

2. Please provide a narrative of no more than 500 words that describes your plans for using this award and your project's connection to the Fund's goals of deepening teaching practice and developing teacher leadership. The narrative should be detailed enough to give the MRTF review team a clear picture of how this work will impact you as a professional, your students, school or community.

Your narrative should be submitted online as a Microsoft Word attachment to your online application or mailed to ***Marci Resnick Teacher Fund***, c/o The Philadelphia Writing Project, 4201 Spruce Street, Building 1921, Philadelphia, PA 19104-7499. It should be typed in a size 12 business font, such as Times or Times Roman and be double-spaced with one inch margins.

3. Include an itemized proposed budget to show how you will use the MRTF funds to directly support your proposed project.

4. Complete your application cover sheet, narrative and budget and submit in time to arrive by May 6, 2015 either online or by mail.

The Spring 2015 grants will be awarded on June 1, 2015 at 5:00 PM.