

Ohio Council of International Reading Association Honor Council Application 2011-2012

OCIRA encourages your local council to become an OCIRA Honor Council. Your council can achieve this recognition by completing at least **eleven** of the activities listed below. Five are **required** and you may select **six optional** items.

Applications may be completed any time during the 2011-2012 year, but the deadline for submission is **June 30, 2012**. Certificates recognizing OCIRA Honor Councils will be presented at the OCIRA fall conference.

Fill out the application below and submit to:

Regina Rees, State Coordinator
6609 Shawbutte St.
Poland, OH 44514

_____ Council has completed the following requirements for recognition as an OCIRA Honor Council.

REQUIRED ITEMS (All items must be completed):

- _____ 1. All local council officers, as listed in directory, are members of OCIRA by October 1, 2011.
- _____ 2. Submit local council program for 2010-2011 to Regina Rees, 6609 Shawbutte St., Poland, Ohio 44514 by October 1, 2011.
- _____ 3. A council delegate attends OCIRA Fall Conference General Assembly.
- _____ 4. Submit a copy of local council officers' form for 2011-2012 officers to State Coordinator, Regina Rees, 6609 Shawbutte St., Poland, Ohio 44514 by October 1, 2011.
- _____ 5. Establish at each council meeting a table or booth to promote membership at the local, state, and international levels. Submit photographs and/or written description.

OPTIONAL ITEMS (Complete at least **SIX** of the following):

- _____ 1. Submit at least one new or renewed OCIRA institutional (school or library) membership. This allows your school or library to receive the OCIRA journal – **Ohio Reading Teacher**. Send name of institutional membership and date submitted with this application.
- _____ 2. Provide monetary support towards speakers, publishing costs for brochures, table arrangements and such for the state or regional conference.

_____ 3. Increase membership in your local council between April 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012.

Council Membership	New Members
10 to 49	8%
50 to 149	4%
150+	2%

Send a copy of membership list and highlight **new members**.

_____ 4. Show that the average attendance at each meeting is 30% of membership of membership. Send a statement signed by your local membership director which includes: number of members as of your first meeting of 2011-2012 and attendance number for each meeting.

_____ 5. Secure and send a list of **8 new OCIRA members** or **3 new IRA members**.

_____ 6. Recruit a minimum of **5 undergraduate students** to become members of your local and OCIRA and/or IRA council. Submit names – if local, highlight on membership.

_____ 7. Publish a local council newsletter at least 3 times a year or a journal at least 2 times a year. Submit copies.

_____ 8. Participate in the OCIRA International Literacy project. Submit report of the project.

_____ 9. Participate in a) Right-to-Read Celebration or b) Newspaper in Education Week. Submit copies of evaluation form or description of activity.

_____ 10. Plan and implement a “Celebrate Literacy” project. Submit copies of the council’s report form.

_____ 11. Sponsor a program or activity to encourage, support, and/or recognize young authors/writers in your community. Send a written report and/or program.

_____ 12. Implement a special community service project for any of the following areas: family literacy, adult literacy, at-risk children, homeless, senior citizens, hospitals, day care centers, ESL children, and/or parent involvement. Send a written description of the project.

_____ 13. Submit a copy of your by-laws, updated within the last 5 years. Send to Regina Rees, 6609 Shawbutte St., Poland, Ohio 44514 by May 1, 2012.

_____ 14. Appoint a building representative for each school in your district. Send names to Regina Rees, 6609 Shawbutte St, Poland, Ohio 44514 by October 1, 2011.

_____ 15. Sponsor a developing country with an IRA membership (with any one journal). Provide copy of form and check.

_____ 16. Sponsor an undergraduate student with an IRA membership or 3 undergraduates with OCIRA memberships. Send a list of names.

_____ 17. Submit copies of a least 2 newspaper releases involving local council activities.