

OVERVIEW

Humanities Montana's Big Sky Reads stipends support book clubs in rural communities across the state. The Big Sky Reads program is situated within the **Montana Center for the Book**, the state affiliate of the Center for the Book in the **Library of Congress**. The Montana Center for the Book supports programs in rural communities that engage in thought-provoking discussions about literature and promote awareness of books, writing, reading, the book arts, publishing, and literacy in Montana.

The \$500 stipend is available once per year for eligible organizations, as long as funds are available. The stipend may be used for costs such as trained discussion leaders, book kits, author visits in person or virtual, advertising, and shipping. It cannot be used for refreshments, staff costs, or venue rental.

Big Sky Reads is also a **Facebook group**! This is a great resource to find new books, new participants, discussion questions, and facilitators. It is also a place to build our statewide community of readers. Jump into the conversation.

STIPEND AWARD

\$500

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations, accredited institutions of higher education, state or local government or one of their agencies (schools, libraries, museums, etc.), federally recognized Native American Tribal governments, and tribal organizations. A Unique Entity ID (UEI) and Federal Tax ID (EIN) are required to apply. Learn more about eligibility in the grant guidelines.

DEADLINES

Rolling Submission Deadline (dependent on funding availability)
Applications can be submitted anytime, and are reviewed monthly.

HOW TO APPLY

The **Big Sky Reads application** is easy!

LEARN MORE



QUESTIONS

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