

Arkansas Reading Association

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International Reading Association

DIAMOND AWARD

This Award will be presented to Local Council Presidents at the ARA Celebrate Literacy Event in April. Local Council Presidents will be eligible for receiving the **DIAMOND AWARD** should they achieve the following:

1. Submit a tentative and final calendar, including dates/speakers, of local council meetings (3 or more) to **ARA President**.
Deadline: Summer Leadership (Tentative) Date achieved _____
Deadline: on or before September 15 (Final) Date achieved _____
2. Submit local council committee chair names to **ARA President**.
Deadline: September 15 Date achieved _____
3. Submit council news item (one to two paragraphs) for state newsletter to **ARA President**.
Deadline: August 1 or March 15 (Choose one) Date achieved _____
4. Two local council representatives attend Delegates' Assembly at the Annual Conference and Summer Leadership. **Summer Leadership** _____ **Annual Conference** _____
5. The *Local Director of Membership* will send these items to the **ARA Director of Membership**:
 - Membership Campaign Goal Commitment
Deadline: September 30 Date achieved _____
 - Regular membership reports and state dues money (monthly if new members are added)
Dates achieved: _____
 - Target Membership
Deadline: March 1 Date achieved _____
6. Submit a preliminary list of local council officers (**who must be IRA members**) for the next year to the **ARA State Coordinator**.
Deadline: March 10 Date achieved _____

For more information regarding the **DIAMOND AWARD**, contact **ARA President**, **ARA Director of Membership** or **ARA State Coordinator**.

DIAMOND AWARD AT A GLANCE

- **TENTATIVE CALENDAR** – Submit to the **ARA President** by end of Summer Leadership.
- **FINAL CALENDAR** – Submit to the **ARA President** by September 15th.
- **COMMITTEE CHAIRS** – Submit to the **ARA President** by September 15th.
- **COUNCIL NEWS** – Submit at least one “council news” item (one or two paragraphs) for newsletter to the **ARA President** by August 1st or March 15th.
- **DELEGATES’ ASSEMBLY** – Have two local council representatives attend the Delegates’ Assembly at the **Fall Conference and Summer Leadership**.
- **MEMBERSHIP GOALS** – Submit Membership Campaign Goal Commitment to the **ARA Membership Director** by September 30th.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS** – Send regular membership reports and state dues money (monthly if new members are added) to the **ARA Membership Director**
- **TARGET MEMBERSHIP** – Submit Target Membership to the **ARA Membership Director** by March 1.
- **LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICERS** – Submit a **preliminary** list of local council officers (who must be IRA members) for next year to the **ARA State Coordinator** by March 10th.

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