

# MENSA® FOR KIDS



**Earn a commemorative certificate in recognition of your outstanding achievement and get an Excellence in Reading T-shirt, too!**

The Mensa Foundation recognizes and encourages education, gifted youth and lifelong learning through resources like the Mensa for Kids website and other programs for youth and those who support them.

To encourage the joy of reading, the Foundation has developed the Mensa for Kids Excellence in Reading Program.

Acknowledging the value of the National Endowment for the Humanities' appreciation of classic literature for young people, the Mensa Foundation is providing a year-round challenge to kids of all ages based on the NEH's "Summertime Favorites" reading list, with some alterations.

To participate in the Mensa for Kids Excellence in Reading Program, follow these steps:

1. Select a segment from the list of books provided. Remember to read to the level of your *ability*, regardless of your age or grade level. Parents should exercise care when selecting an appropriate volume of the assigned reading; original versions of some older fables and tales may be inappropriate for small children.
2. Print the appropriate segment and track each book you read by checking it off and recording the date it was read. Electronic signatures and check-offs are **not permitted**. The form must be completed by hand. We operate on the honor system, and we encourage honesty in this way. We reserve the right to request additional confirmation of completion of the program and/or to refuse to grant recognition.
3. Once you've completed an **entire** segment list, you and a parent will need to sign the list as verification and return it *and* the order form to the Mensa Foundation at the address provided. Once we've received your signed list, we'll send you an award certificate and T-shirt. Please allow 6 weeks for delivery.

## Important questions answered

- \* *Can parents read aloud to their child? Does that count?*  
Yes. The books may be read aloud by parents or teachers. Readers can also listen to audio books or read the books online. If the books are read by teachers, parents must complete the order form.
- \* *Can teenagers receive rewards for the lower grade segments?*  
Yes. We recommend that kids begin at the reading level best for them and then move forward or backward in the list.
- \* *Are there additional recognition opportunities?*  
Everyone who completes a segment list will be awarded a certificate and a Mensa for Kids T-shirt for the first segment completed. Additional segments will be recognized with certificates. This is not a competition, though, and there are no monetary prizes.
- \* *Can I get credit for books I've already read?*  
For each list, you may count no more than ten (10) books previously read. The program is designed to encourage youth to read, and if a significant portion of a list has been read previously, you may either re-read the books or choose another list.

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## EXCELLENCE IN READING AWARD

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As each list is completed, fill out the form below and return with the completed list to:

**Mensa Foundation**

Attn: Excellence in Reading  
1229 Corporate Drive W.  
Arlington, Texas 76006-6103

*(emailed and faxed submissions are not accepted)*

Reader's Name	Reader's Age	Mensa member # (if applicable)
Address: city, state, ZIP code		
Email address (required)		Phone # ( ) -

Youth's shirt size (if requested) <input type="checkbox"/> 4T <input type="checkbox"/> Youth S 6-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth M 10-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth L 14-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth XL 16-18 <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S <input type="checkbox"/> Adult M
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Parent's name	Mensa member # (if applicable)
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I would like to subscribe to the *BRIGHT* newsletter for smart kids. Mensa For Kids' *Bright* is the smartest monthly newsletter for kids ages 6-10 and includes fun games, puzzles, activities and factoids specially selected to encourage children to learn, explore and think outside the box.

Please be sure to read the guidelines before submitting the form. If you have questions, please email [GiftedYouth@mensafoundation.org](mailto:GiftedYouth@mensafoundation.org).

