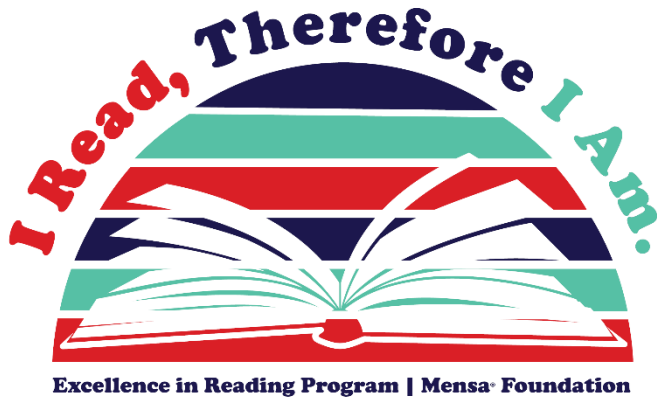


## MENSA FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN READING AWARD PROGRAM



To encourage the joy of reading, the Mensa Foundation has developed the **Excellence in Reading Award Program**. 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. **This program is open internationally to all readers under 18 years of age, their teachers, and librarians.**

Acknowledging the value of the National Endowment for the Humanities' appreciation of classic literature for young people, Excellence in Reading is a year-round challenge to kids of all ages based on the NEH's [Summertime Favorites](#) and [Nonfiction Favorites](#) reading lists, with some alterations.

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

1. Select a list from the grade level bands available. Remember to read to the level of your ability or interest, regardless of your age or grade level.
2. Print the appropriate list and track each book you read by checking it off and recording the date it was read, along with a rating. The form should be completed by hand, and please submit the original form used, even if it is very messy! We operate on the honor system, and we encourage honesty in this way.
3. Once you've completed an **entire** list, both the reader and an adult 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 and verified it, we'll send you a recognition certificate and T- shirt. Please allow 6 weeks for delivery.
4. You may use five nonfiction books to replace any five books from the same grade-level segment.



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## Important Questions Answered

### **Is Mensa membership required?**

No, the program is open to anyone, regardless of Mensa affiliation or membership.

### **Can parents read aloud to their child? Does that count?**

Yes. The books may be read aloud. Readers can also listen to audio books or read the books online. Teachers may also read to their classes, and then parents must complete this order form.

### **Can readers receive recognition for levels below their actual grade level?**

Yes. We recommend that readers 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 an Excellence in Reading T-shirt. This is not a competition, though, and there are no monetary prizes.

### **Can I read everything on the nonfiction list for a recognition certificate and T-shirt?**

No. The nonfiction list is available only as an option for replacements. You may select up to five titles from any grade level reading list to replace five titles from the nonfiction list.

### **Can I get credit for books I've already read?**

For each list, you may count **no more than five** 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.

### **I'm a teacher – if I read a book with my class, does every student get credit for reading it?**

Yes, as long as the student is present in class when the book is read. If they are absent and missed it, they'll need to read the book on their own before checking it off their list.

### **Can the teacher submit a form and be recognized as well?**

Yes. The program is open to youth under 18, as well as teachers and librarians.

### **If the teacher reads the list to the class, who fills out the form?**

The teacher may assist with the list of the books and may sign as the adult verifying that the list was read. The parent's contact information should be filled in on the order form.

### **Will you send the shirts and certificates to the school?**

Yes. Fill in the order form with the parent's contact information, and then indicate that the certificate and T-shirt should be sent to the school and include that address.

### **Do the books need to be read in English?**

No. If a book has been translated into another language, you may read or listen to it in whatever language you prefer.

### **Do you ship awards internationally?**

Yes! We're happy to send certificates and T-shirts to participants outside the U.S. Please note that international delivery may take longer than the standard 6-week timeline.



# EXCELLENCE IN READING AWARD ORDER FORM



Thank you for participating in the Mensa Foundation's **Excellence in Reading Award Program!** Participants who complete an entire reading list are eligible to receive a commemorative certificate and an Excellence in Reading T-shirt. We're excited to celebrate your achievement and love of reading!

To receive your award, complete this form and mail it along with your signed reading list to the address below. **Both the reading list and order form are required to receive your certificate and T-shirt.** Please allow up to 6 weeks for processing and delivery. Send your reading list and order form to:

**Mensa Foundation**  
Excellence in Reading  
1315 Brookside Dr.  
Hurst, TX 76053

(Completed lists must be mailed. We do not accept scans or faxes.)

Reader's Name	Reader's Age	Mensa Membership Number (if applicable)
House Address (City, State ZIP code)		
Email Address	Phone Number	

Reader's T-shirt Size (if requested)
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth S <input type="checkbox"/> Youth M <input type="checkbox"/> Youth L <input type="checkbox"/> Youth XL <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S <input type="checkbox"/> Adult M <input type="checkbox"/> Adult L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XL

Parent's Name	Mensa Membership Number (if applicable)
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