

## NEWS FROM THE BEACON SOCIETY

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Sherlock Holmes Teaching Grant Deadline is May 1, 2018

Dallas, TX -- The Beacon Society proudly announces that once again, grants to U.S. and Canadian teachers, librarians, children's museums, and Sherlockian literary societies are available. The grants, in honor of a wonderful Sherlockian, Jan Stauber, will provide up to \$500 to fund the development of a project that will introduce young people to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories about his famous fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes.

The Stauber Grants have been given to creative educators and librarians in the USA since 2004 and Canada since 2012. In 2017, over twenty projects were funded. Previous awardees have used Sherlock Holmes to teach English, literature, history, mathematics, deductive reasoning, forensics, and critical thinking to students from elementary through high school (we have included a list of grant awards for the past few years).

The grants honor the late Jan Stauber, a New Jersey middle-school teacher who for 10 years visited classes in the guise of Sherlock Holmes to encourage students to discover the joys of reading. Stauber, who died in 2005, was the first winner of the society's Beacon Award, given annually to one teacher whose exemplary educational experiences fulfill the mission of the society.

The grant intends to promote similar creative work by giving financial help to public and private school teachers, organizations, libraries, children's museums, counselors and others who develop literary curriculum projects and other educational experiences encouraging young people to read, primarily by introducing them to the stories about Sherlock Holmes.

Interested individuals and organizations are invited to apply for the Beacon Society's major funding project. The grant period will be from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Beacon Society is a not-for-profit affiliate of the Baker Street Irregulars, the New York City-based group of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts founded in 1934.

An application form, guidelines and other details about the Stauber grant may be obtained at the society's website, <http://www.beaconsociety.com/the-jan-stauber-grant.html>, other teaching materials, information about the Society, and resources for educating students can be found at the Society's website, <http://www.beaconsociety.com>

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The deadline for 2018 grant applications is May 1, 2018.