

Scholarships for the Nellie Edge Writing-to-Read Summer 2013 Seminars

(Available to new kindergarten teachers—1st, 2nd and 3rd year—

or Mentor and NBCTS teachers and candidates)

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your pursuit of excellence in kindergarten and early literacy. Through our website resources and professional development experiences, Nellie Edge Seminars is committed to promoting joyful learning pathways to the Common Core Standards.

I am asking each scholarship applicant to **first spend a few hours of quality time exploring our website, www.nellieedge.com**, reading the essays listed below, discovering videos, photo essays, and informative articles, and then **writing a one-page response to this statement: "Why I Love Teaching Kindergarten."**

Past scholarship recipients have told us that this was a powerful experience for them. So again, we are asking you to first getting acquainted with our website, and then write this simple one-page essay entitled "Why I Love Teaching Kindergarten." Please read our essays on "[My Kindergarten Teaching Philosophy](#)," "[Defining Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy](#)," and "[The SMILE Approach to Joyful Accelerated Literacy](#)." (Follow these links, or these articles are all listed under the tab "About Nellie Edge" at www.nellieedge.com.) **Please include quotes from our documents.** You will find additional informative articles under the "Common Core Standards" tab. Include a cover page with your name, address, school, and conferred degrees and credentials. Could you add a photo of yourself—in your classroom, with family...

Consider applying early; we have a limited number of scholarship spaces and sincerely hope we can honor every request. We will need to receive your essay no later than April 15, 2013. Our scholarship recipients will be asked to pay only for the cost of the manual *Writing-to-Read Accelerates Literacy: All Kindergartners Love to Write and Draw!* and CD (\$39 for this workshop, rather than the full registration fee of \$239). Scholarship participants will also receive a special *Read and Sing* literacy gift at the seminar.

After reviewing all of the thoughtful "Why I Love Kindergarten" essays, we will let you know how to use our online registration system (using your credit card with our special scholarship code.)

Thank you for being a part of our online community. We at Nellie Edge Seminars hope to support each one of you for a more joyful and fruitful teaching adventure.

Smiles, Nellie Edge