

Carson Scholar's Fund –Readathon Rules

Overview:

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Ben Carson Reading Project, the Carson Scholar's Fund is hosting a Readathon from March 3 to April 11, 2025. Schools will compete to log the most minutes read in their reading rooms, encouraging students to engage with books and foster a love for reading.

*Registration must be completed by February 28, 2025.

Competition Details:

1. Competition Dates:

- Start: March 3, 2025
- End: April 11, 2025

2. How It Works:

- Educators track minutes read in designated reading rooms.
- Only minutes read in these rooms count.
- Logs must be submitted weekly by the school's designated coordinator.

3. Prizes:

- 1st Place: \$5,000
- 2nd Place: \$2,500
- 3rd Place: \$1,000
- Prize funds must be used for reading room-related purposes only.

4. Check-in Process:

- Weekly submissions are due by Friday, starting March 7, 2025.
- Submit the total minutes read and a reading log, which must include:
 - Student/Class names
 - Total minutes read
 - Dates of reading sessions

5. Winner Announcement:

- Top 3 winners will be announced by April 16, 2025.
- Schools will be contacted directly about prizes.

6. Questions and Support:

- Contact Amani Green at agreen@carsonscholars.org for assistance.
- Regularly check email for updates.

Important Dates:

- **Registration Deadline:** February 28, 2025
- **Competition Dates:** March 3 - April 11, 2025
- **Weekly Check-in Due Dates:** March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
- **Announcement of Winners:** April 16, 2025

Good luck to all participants as we celebrate 25 years of the Ben Carson Reading Project!

CSF Readathon Check-In Process

Each week on **Monday**, your school will receive an email with a link to submit the total reading minutes and reading log(s). Submissions are due by the end of the day on **Friday** each week.

- In the submission form, you'll be asked to provide your name, position, school name, location, total minutes read during the past week, and upload your reading log(s). You can use any template you'd like, as long as it includes the following details:
 - Student or Class names
 - Minutes read per session
 - Dates of each reading session

Reading Log Example:

Student Log:

Student Name	Date	Minutes
Nate S.	2/10/25	15
Elizabeth B.	2/15/25	18

Class Log:

Class Name	Date	Minutes
Mrs. Rodriguez	2/10/25	100
Mr. Cook	2/15/25	250

* If you're using class names instead of individual student entries, please ensure that you add the reading times of all students in the class together for the entry.

- Many schools use a sign-in sheet in their reading rooms to track student participation. If your school doesn't currently have one, please implement one to participate in the readathon.
- The first check-in is due by **March 7, 2025**, and subsequent check-ins will be required every Friday thereafter.
- Schools must submit their total minutes read for the specified timeframe. If you're unable to meet a submission deadline, please contact Amani Green at agreen@carsonscholars.org.

Happy Reading!