

Loudoun Education Foundation Teacher Grant Program

Program Description and Application Instructions

Grants Available

- Loudoun Education Foundation awards classroom grants to LCPS teachers twice a year through its Teacher Grant Program.
- Teachers may submit proposals in the Fall for projects they will implement during the current school year.
- Teachers may submit proposals in the Spring for projects they will implement immediately or in the Fall of the following school year.
- The maximum grant awarded to a project is \$500; there is no minimum amount.
- Two special grants of up to \$1,500 each are available during the Spring application cycle (see eligibility for special requirements).

Eligibility

- Applications must be submitted by the person(s) who will implement the proposed project.
- Applications for the \$1500 Spring grant must be either multi-disciplinary, multi-grade, multi-school, or involve participation by an entire grade and benefit a significant number of students.

Award Criteria

Primary consideration will be given to proposals that:

- Affect as many students as possible;
- Benefit a diverse student group;
- Involve students as much as possible;
- Are creative and innovative;
- Supplement and/or enhance the standard curriculum and ordinary teaching methods;
- Support a program or project with measurable results;
- Promote inter-classroom, interdisciplinary and/or joint teacher projects;
- Have comprehensive, yet succinct applications;
- Demonstrate support through matching funds, if other grant criteria have been met.

Proposals will NOT be considered if they:

- Compensate LCPS personnel;
- Provide money for materials or supplies ordinarily included in the LCPS budget;
- Are not in conformance with stipulated goals of a curriculum area or course of study;
- Require ongoing maintenance;
- Are used to purchase food or student incentive items;
- Benefit 10 or fewer students;
- Do not provide a DETAILED BUDGET.

Application Process

- Download and complete the Application Form. (*Note: Submissions must be computer-generated or typed.*)
- Obtain all the required signatures before submitting the proposal.
- Submit **one** printed copy of your proposal with original signatures. (*Note: On-line submission is not available.*)
- Limit the application packet to no more than five (5) pages.
- Adhere to the deadlines.
- Provide a detailed budget.

Application Availability and Submission Dates

- For the Spring cycle, applications are available at www.loudouneducationfoundation.org in February; the deadline for proposals is typically mid-March.
- In the Fall, applications are available at this web site in September; the deadline for proposals is mid October.
- See relevant application for specific submission deadline.

Submission Procedure

- Send completed applications through the LCPS mail (Pony) to:

Loudoun Education Foundation
Administration Building
Attn: Linda Russ

- Neither the Loudoun County Public Schools nor the Loudoun Education Foundation is responsible for misdirected or delayed mail.

Selection Process

- Applications will be provided to the appropriate discipline supervisors for their review and comments.
- All proposals received by the deadline are screened for adherence to criteria prior to being forwarded for review by the Loudoun Education Foundation Grant & Awards Committee. (Proposals received after the deadline will be returned to the Contact Teacher.)
- Awards are made in accordance with the guidelines above. Applicants will be notified of the Grant & Award Committee's decisions as soon as possible.
- Grant recipients are required to submit a summary report no later than 60 days following the completion of the project.

Questions?

If you have questions about the program or application process, please contact either: Robin Mong, Executive Director, execdirector@loudouneducationfoundation.org or Linda Russ, Office Manager, Linda.Russ@lcps.org.