

Teacher/Campus Grant Policy and Guidelines

PURPOSE OF GRANTS

The Belton Educational Foundation (BEF) Teacher Grant Program is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches to the accomplishment of curriculum objectives that enhance student achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual or team of individuals employed of Belton ISD who are involved in and impact the instruction of students or related support services benefitting students are eligible to apply.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

Individual Teacher	UP TO \$2,500
Grade Level, Department, Multiple Teachers	UP TO \$7,500
Entire Campus	UP TO \$10,000
Multi-Campus	UP TO \$25,000

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

- Teacher Grant Applications open each **Spring Semester** and close end of **September**
- Applications are only available electronically online at beltoneducationfoundation.org/teacher-grants
- The number of awarded grants will depend on funds available from BEF in each given year
- Applications will be reviewed by campus principals, supervisors, Belton ISD Administration and BEF Board prior to consideration by BEF Programs Committee
- All furniture, equipment, and technology requests must be reviewed and approved by Purchasing & Technology **before** submission. Items must be sourced from approved vendors
- If applying for a grant as a group, department, or campus, please identify **one** teacher as your Team Leader and main contact, but please include **all** teachers/staff involved on the grant application
- For each grant application submitted, the programs committee shall review and provide feedback and recommendations
- The application(s) and grant award recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation for final approval

GRANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Directly benefit large numbers of students
- Share materials and/or techniques between grades, groups, schools, etc.
- Activities or instructional techniques that represent creative and innovative approaches to relevant and engaged student learning, such as:

PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Customizing what, when, and how each student is taught

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Creating exercises that require students to identify real-world problems and devise solutions

INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING

Encouraging creativity and exploration

GAMIFICATION

Incorporating game elements to motivate and engage students

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

Tailoring learning experiences to meet the diverse needs of students

WE CANNOT AWARD GRANTS TO:

UNSUPPORTED TECHNOLOGY (I.E. IPADS, PRINTERS), SPORTS EQUIPMENT, BOOKS, CONSUMABLES (FOOD, SUPPLIES), FIELD TRIPS, SALARIES, TEACHER TRIPS, TRAINING, SUBSCRIPTIONS, SPEAKER FEES

EXPECTATIONS AFTER WINNING

- Use the awards for the purpose intended. All awarded funds must be used prior to the end of the academic year of applied grant or funds will be forfeited and returned to the Foundation
- Funds are provided to Belton ISD for distribution prior to winter break
- Grant awarded materials remain in the district and will also remain with the campus of original request unless permission in writing to BEF to move the project forward to a new campus is approved
- Agree to share and provide on-site demonstration if requested by the Foundation
- Document the implementation (pictures, examples of work, video)
- Tag the foundation on social media with stories and photos (@beltoneducationfoundation)

PRIZE PATROL!

ONCE A YEAR, BEF + DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, BISS ADMIN, AND DONORS VISIT CAMPUSES TO AWARD GRANTS TO WINNERS! EACH WINNER IS SURPRISED WITH A CHECK & CHEERING PRESENTERS!