



Teacher/Campus Grant Policy and Guidelines

Purpose of Innovative Teacher/Campus 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 for grants.

Grant Considerations

- Activities or instructional approaches that meet the selection criteria as designed by the district.
- Represent a creative or innovative approach to relevant and engaged student learning.
- Directly benefit large numbers of students.
- Share materials and/or techniques between grades, groups, schools, etc.

All grants are dependent upon available funding. The following is intended as guidelines only:

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| • 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 Process

- Teacher Grant Applications open at the beginning of Fall Semester and closes the first Sunday in October.
- Applications are only available electronically on-line.
- 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 BEEF Board prior to consideration by BEF Programs Committee.
- 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.
- No funds will be awarded for consumables, field trips, salaries, teacher trips, training, food, subscriptions, or speaker fees.

Selection Process

- For each grant application submitted, the programs committee shall review and provide feedback and recommendations on each application.
- The application(s) and grant award recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation for final approval.

Grant Patrol

- Consists of Education Foundation board members and donors, along with BISD Administration and Board of Trustees.
- Once a year, they visit BISD campuses to award grants to the selected winners.
- Each **winning teacher** is surprised with a check and cheering presenters to mark the occasion.

Expectations After Receiving an Award

- 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.