



## ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

### Excellence in Education Grants Program

#### PURPOSE

The Excellence in Education Grants Program assists educators and schools in launching creative, innovative programs that aren't covered by regular school funding. Our goal is to support new learning opportunities that help students grow and succeed.

#### COLLABORATIVE/SCHOOL GRANTS SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals are evaluated based on these criteria:

1. Potential for significant student impact.
2. Degree of project innovation.
3. Alignment with school and district goals.
4. Evidence of collaboration with colleagues, such as library media specialists or support staff.
5. The program will not/can not be covered by traditional school funding.

#### TIME LINE

- October 15th of any year - complete application due to APSF Executive Director (details below)
- November 15th of any year - notification of grant approval

#### EXPECTATIONS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

1. **Reporting:** Submit a project summary/evaluation to the APS Foundation by the end of the school year.
2. **Documentation:** Allow your project to be photographed and featured by the Foundation for promotional or educational purposes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE APPLICATION

- a. Complete the application in its entirety and include all supporting documentation.
- b. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- c. Return completed application to Jenny Lanik via school mail to the Alliance High School or by email: [jennifer.lanik@alliancebulldogs.org](mailto:jennifer.lanik@alliancebulldogs.org)

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### 1. What is the grant amount, and what is the deadline for spending funds?

There is no fixed grant amount. Awards typically range from \$100 to \$6,500, with a total annual limit of \$6,500. We may sometimes ask you to adjust your budget. Please spend awarded funds by August 31 of the following year, unless you receive an extension.

##### 2. Can I apply if I've received a grant in the past?

Yes, you are welcome to apply as often as you like. Selection is based on the project proposal, not the applicant's history.

##### 3. How does the committee ensure fairness?

We strive for neutrality by keeping application lengths uniform, which helps ensure equitable consideration for everyone.

**4. Who can I contact if I have questions?**

We're here to help! Please reach out to any committee member:

- Wendy Fritzler: [wendy@kunzmantitle.com](mailto:wendy@kunzmantitle.com)
- Stephanie Pfeiffer: [stephanie.pfeiffer@alliancebulldogs.com](mailto:stephanie.pfeiffer@alliancebulldogs.com)
- Sandra Sperl: 541-429-2405 (please text)

**5. How detailed should my project evaluation be?**

We want to see a thoughtful assessment of your results, but this shouldn't be a major research project. Just provide a sincere, objective look at how you plan to assess your project meeting its goals.

**6. Do I have to use the official application, or can I submit my own document?**

We prefer that you use the supplied form to help keep applications concise and uniform. However, if you need more space, you may attach one additional page of typed text to support your proposal

**GRANTMAKING POLICIES**

The Alliance Public Schools Foundation funds innovative projects that enrich the curriculum, inspire students and staff, and strengthen community involvement.

**We prioritize projects that:**

1. Advance the Foundation's mission to enrich, inspire, and expand.
2. Offer innovative, unique learning experiences.
3. Align with and enhance the Alliance Public Schools mission.
4. Directly improve teaching and learning.
5. Demonstrate creative approaches or original concepts.
6. Provide direct benefits to students.

**We do not fund projects that:**

1. Are typically covered by standard school district budgets.
2. Focus primarily on travel, equipment, technology, or salaries (unless these are part of a larger, qualifying project).
3. Are not academic in nature (e.g., athletic gear, costumes for performing groups, or dues for extracurricular clubs).

**Important Notes:**

- Alliance Public Schools retains ownership of any non-consumable materials purchased.
- All purchases must comply with district policies.
- Grant funds cannot be used for political purposes

Once you have read the guidelines in their entirety, you may [CLICK HERE](#) to download the grant application.