

Academy School District Twenty Education Foundation
Grant Application (School Year 2026-27) - Due by October 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Date: _____ Amount Requested: _____ (max = \$3,000)

School/Building _____

Principal/Director (Please Print.) _____

Principal Approving Signature _____
(Principal must review and sign off on question #3 in addition to reviewing the completed application.)

Project Title: _____

Grant Coordinator(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

Instructions: Respond to each question below. Please define any educational terminology or acronyms, type your responses, and include enough detail for reviewers to understand the need, implementation plan, student impact, and budget.

2026-27 Grant Timeline:

- **By Friday, September 18:** Grant information is posted on the Foundation website and shared with schools.
- **Friday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.:** Grant applications are due.
- **October 31-November 17:** Foundation reviewers evaluate applications and prepare recommendations.
- **Wednesday, November 18:** The Board reviews grant applications and recommendations.
- **December 7-18:** Grant recipients are recognized and awards are delivered prior to winter break.

Overview of Application:

1. Provide a **brief abstract** of the project as well as the following:

- Vision of the project
- Targeted academic focus
- Grades to be served
- Benefits to students
- Number of students who will receive benefits
- Innovative nature of the project

2. Describe the plan for **implementation**. Be specific.

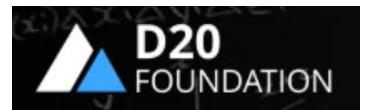
3. Describe how the **goals and objectives are aligned** to one or more of the following:

- Board of Education and/or Superintendent's goals
- School site plan goals and tactics
- Accreditation guidelines
- District mission
- Curriculum standards

Be specific as to which goals are being addressed and **how the proposal supports these goals.**

4. In measurable terms, what are the **outcomes** of the project? How will the team evaluate the activity as well as report back to the Foundation?

5. Provide an **itemized, detailed budget**. The grant is not to exceed \$3000, all costs included. (Please refer to the informational list of which items are not funded.) Include whether you have explored and/or have access to additional funding.



Dear District Twenty Educator:

Here is a great opportunity for you! Receive funds to support your innovative ideas! Do you have an idea for a project that will impact education in our district in a positive manner? Do you have an idea that will help you and others better educate your students? Does your idea need money to help it become a reality?

The Academy District Twenty Education Foundation, our district's non-profit foundation, is offering its 2026-2027 round of grants to fund creative, student-focused learning opportunities. We invite you and/or a group of colleagues to develop an innovative idea and submit a proposal. Schools are encouraged to review proposals locally and submit the strongest ideas for consideration.

Here is what you need to know:

- Grants will be awarded up to **\$3,000** per approved project.
- All grant proposals should be aligned to your school's site-based action planning and accreditation process as well as clearly demonstrate a benefit for students. (If necessary, meet with your school administrator for clarification and support.)
- Feeder schools are encouraged to submit vertical articulation proposals.
- The following proposals **ARE ACCEPTABLE**: project-based learning proposals, computer software (such as student licenses or programs), creative student-focused equipment needs, honorariums for guest speakers, and technology projects. **Recent examples have included: 3-D printer, Beehive, Reading Laboratory, STEM Lab Equipment, Heart Rate Monitors, Digital Cameras for students, and many others!**
- The following proposals are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:
 - multiple proposals contributing to a single large project
 - proposals which have already received a grant
 - computer hardware and appliances
 - classroom equipment and furniture
 - conference registration fees and field trips
 - food costs
 - FTE proposals or stipends for existing staff or substitute staff
 - items which could be covered under capital improvement (school budget) funds.
- The application form and rubric may be accessed at the Foundation's website:
www.d20foundation.org.
- **Friday, October 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. is the DEADLINE for proposals.** To be considered, submit all paperwork in electronic or paper format to: Academy School District Twenty Education Foundation, 1110 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, c/o Dr. Jeremy Koselak, or jeremy.koselak@asd20.org.
- Foundation reviewers will evaluate applications from October 31-November 17, 2026. The Board is scheduled to review applications on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.
- Grant recipients will be notified after Board review. Award presentations and delivery are planned for the 2 weeks prior to Winter Break (December 7-18).

We are looking forward to receiving your grant application and are excited about the impact our support will have on both you, your students and your school. If you have additional questions, please e-mail Chris Palmer at capalmer48@msn.com.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Academy District Twenty Education Foundation

Scoring Rubric for Teacher Grants

Application Criteria	Beginning 0-1 point	Developing 2 points	Meets 3 points	Exceeds 4 points
1. Brief Abstract and Project Summary: Includes the project vision, academic focus, grade levels served, student benefits, number of students impacted, and innovative nature of the project.	Missing several required abstract elements or does not clearly explain the student benefit.	Addresses most required elements but needs more detail, clarity, or connection to student benefit.	Clearly addresses all required abstract elements and explains how students will benefit.	Provides a compelling, well-developed summary with a strong student-centered rationale and clear innovation.
2. Implementation Plan: Describes how the project will be implemented, including specific steps, timing, roles, materials, and other practical details.	Implementation plan is vague, incomplete, or difficult to follow.	Includes a general implementation plan but lacks detail in timing, roles, materials, or logistics.	Provides a clear, practical plan that is specific enough to support implementation.	Provides a detailed, realistic plan that anticipates implementation needs and demonstrates readiness.
3. Alignment to Goals and Priorities: Explains how the project aligns to one or more Board/Superintendent goals, school site plan goals and tactics, accreditation guidelines, district mission, or curriculum standards.	Alignment is missing, unclear, or not connected to the listed application priorities.	Names one or more alignment areas but provides limited explanation of how the proposal supports them.	Clearly explains how the proposal supports one or more listed goals or priorities.	Shows strong, specific alignment and clearly explains why the project advances the identified priorities.
4. Outcomes, Evaluation, and Reporting: Identifies measurable project outcomes, explains how the activity will be evaluated, and describes how results will be reported back to the Foundation.	Outcomes, evaluation, or reporting plan are missing, unclear, or not measurable.	Includes outcomes or evaluation ideas but needs more specificity about measures or reporting.	Provides measurable outcomes and a clear plan for evaluating and reporting results.	Includes strong measures of impact and a thoughtful, practical plan for evaluation and reporting.
5. Itemized Budget and Funding: Provides an itemized budget not to exceed \$3,000, confirms costs are allowable, and notes whether additional funding has been explored or secured.	Budget is missing, unclear, over the grant limit, or includes costs identified as not funded.	Budget is generally clear but needs stronger itemization, explanation, or connection to allowable costs.	Budget is itemized, reasonable, within the grant limit, and aligned to the project.	Budget is highly detailed, cost-effective, clearly allowable, and addresses additional funding when applicable.
Total score: ____ / 20 points Recommended funding threshold: 16 points or higher, based on available funds and reviewer discussion. Amount requested: _____ Reviewer comments: 				