Show Me The Money –
Grant Writing 101
DPSF Teacher Grant and Scholarship Program
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Welcome!

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Goals of the Foundation

• To encourage academic excellence

• To facilitate innovative educational activities

• To promote continued community involvement in the schools

• The financial goal for the Foundation is to build a $2.0 million dollar endowment
Beliefs

• We believe that every child deserves a strong foundation and that teachers and staff are valued resources.

• We support quality programs that directly and positively impact student learning.

• With continued support we can achieve our goal of funding the many scholarships and innovative project requests that we receive each year.
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Foundation Information

• a non-profit 501(C)(3) corporation

• Purpose: raising funds and providing support for the teachers and students of Denton ISD

• Monies raised - invested and distributed through a competitive grant and scholarship program.
Denton Public School Foundation

Achievements

- Since 2002
  - over $2.75 million in grants-to-teachers, staff scholarships and special program support
  - over $800,000 in student scholarships to graduating Denton ISD seniors.
DPSF Teacher Grants
The Four Ps

• Propose an Idea
• Develop a Project
• Prepare an Application
• Secure required Permissions
• DPSF Teacher Grants fund creative, project-based learning that results in increased student achievement.
Grant Writing

• Grant development does require work... however, grants can greatly leverage your efforts in the classroom.

80-20 Rule

• 80% Research
• 20% Writing
Applying for Your Grant

• Deadline: Monday, June 17, 2019

• Format: Google Document provided in e-mail and on website

• Amount: up to $1,000
Grant – 100 points

• Overview – 10 points
• Innovation / Enhancement – 15 points
• Goals – 15 points
• Address Needs / Impact – 15 points
• Students affected – 5 points
• Methods / Strategies – 10 points
• Measuring achievement – 10 points
• Potential for Expansion – 5 points
• Implementation Schedule – 5 points
• Additional Resources / Funding – 0 points (information only)
• Budget – 10 points
Title

Catchy title – attention grabber

Something interesting

A smile is a good start

Age appropriate to student population
Overview (10)

Brief paragraph

Need, activities, how needs will be met

Pithy – difficult, but important
Innovation / Enhancement (15)

How is it truly innovative?
Where does the idea come from?
    Research?
    Observation / experience?
Where is it being used?
How does it differ from current approach / strategies?
Goals (15)

• Brief, clear statement of outcome
• Timeframe
• Broad, general, tangible, descriptive
• What will the results look like?
• Measurable
• Where do you want your students to be at the end of the specified period?
Address Needs / Impact (15)

• Focus on skills to be gained rather than absence of something
• Brings tangible meaning to the request

Students Affected (5)

• Realistic
• Honest

(Relate to question 8)
Methods / Strategies (10)

The specifics.

The devilish details.

Paint the picture.

Help the reader “see” the project in action.
Measuring Achievement (10)

Not a formal evaluation.

How will you know the implementation of the project will accomplish what you want it to?

- metrics
- products
Potential for Expansion (5)

• Two components:
  - Replication (duplication)
    Repeating the implementation
  - Expansion
    Wider target population
Implementation Schedule (5)

Project start date – realistically

How much of the year in operation

Carol over to subsequent year?

Preparation time?
Additional Resources / Funding (0)

• Financial

• Staff effort / consultation

• Additional resources you have obtained
Budget (10)

• Brief explanation

• Flows logically from the narrative

• No surprises
Additional Points

• Give yourself enough time
• Clear and concise
  Does it convey what you want?
• Proof read – have others do the same
• Spell and grammar check!

• Good luck!
DPSF 2019 Teacher Grant Application

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