



Educator Grant Application

Overview

GEF MISSION AND VALUES: The Goleta Education Foundation (GEF) engages the community to invest in and enhance an excellent educational experience for all students attending schools in the Goleta Union School District. We value Service, Transformation, Opportunity, and Community.

There are two applications in this Doc: Innovation Grants and Professional Development Scholarships. The aim of Innovation Grants is to fund an educator's opportunity to play, try things out, gather data on what's working and what's not, and then share lessons learned with the broader educational community in Goleta. We also encourage and support the ongoing learning that happens through professional development, and seek to fund meaningful professional development to enrich the education of GUSD students.

Please think through the question prompts carefully and fill out the application in detail. Consider the impact of this opportunity on your classroom, grade, school, and district-wide, both in the impact of an absence at your site and the potential for how this information can benefit and enrich others in GUSD.

The board committee members who review these grants are not necessarily educators or involved heavily in the District. Please make sure your responses are clear and include any necessary background information and links. When in doubt, more detail is better!

Do not include any identifying information about you or your school site, except in the "General Information" section, as the Board scores these applications anonymously.

If you have any questions, please email edgrants@goletaed.org

How to use this application:

1. Read the [Educator Grant guidelines](#) and discuss your project with your principal or supervisor to get approval for your idea.
2. Make a copy of this [Educator Grant Application](#) and rename it with year, month number, full name, and "Educator Grant Application."
Ex: 2024-6 John Smith Educator Grant Application
3. Fill out the [General Information](#) section (page 2)
4. Complete the [Acknowledgements](#) section (page 3)
5. Choose either the [Innovation Grant](#) (beginning on page 4) or [Professional Development Scholarship](#) (beginning on page 7) and answer the questions in detail.
6. Share your finished application with edgrants@goletaed.org.

General Information

If this proposal is selected for funding, the information provided below will be used to process and execute the grant. Please make sure to provide accurate contact information for all communication regarding this grant award and corresponding paperwork. All contact information must match the contact that will receive the reimbursement via check.

Name(s) - if applying as a team, please include names of all educators

Email address(es)

School/Department

Principal/Supervisors' name(s) and email address(es)

Job Title

- Classroom Teacher
- Principal
- Paraeducator
- IEP team member (SpEd teacher, SLP, psychologist, etc.)
- Specialist (Library, STEAM, music, art, PE, etc.) teacher
- Other (please specify) _____

Acknowledgments

All applications will be scored and eligibility will be determined according to the criteria listed in the guidelines. By submitting this application, the grant applicant confirms that they have read the 2024-2025 GEF [Educator Grant Guidelines](#) and that the application they are submitting meets the eligibility requirements. Failure to meet the eligibility requirements will render an application ineligible for funding.

Furthermore, by initialing below the grant applicant acknowledges the following:

_____ The program or project proposed in the grant application serves the residents residing in the Goleta Union School District.

_____ The program or project proposed in the grant application has been discussed and approved by my Principal or Supervisor.

_____ I understand that the application and any supporting documentation may be shared publicly in part or in whole, with the redaction of personal contact information.

_____ If awarded a grant, a representative must complete all grant [award reporting requirements](#) in order to receive funding.

_____ I understand that submission of a grant application does not guarantee grant funding.

_____ I agree that the Goleta Education Foundation may use my name, image, photo, and any related materials to support GEF digital and print marketing and in other GEF media. Please fill out this form: [Multi Media Authorization](#).

Innovation Grant

Please do not include any identifying information about you or your school site.

Summary

Project Title: _____

Provide a brief description of your grant proposal. Please keep response to 250 characters or less.

Total cost: \$_____

Breakdown of resources and anticipated costs. Please be specific!

Area of Innovation (choose the ONE that most aligns with your idea)

- STEAM
- Literacy
- Social-emotional learning/character ed
- Service learning
- Supplementary curriculum
- Other: _____

Description

What question or challenge are you exploring? How do you know this is a challenge for your students, families, and/or the GUSD community? Please include specific data to describe the relevant and timely need for this project.

Is this project a new idea or an expansion/extension of a current District initiative? If so, please explain how this project builds on what's currently in place and why you believe it is needed. If not, please explain how you think it will benefit students in the short and long term.

Impact

What are your anticipated outcomes and/or what are you hoping to achieve?

What is your plan to achieve these outcomes? Setting specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) objectives is a good way to plan the steps to meet the short and long-term goals in your grant.

How will this impact you as a professional educator and your students, families, and/or community (in the short and/or long term)?

Results & Measurement

How will you evaluate or measure the impact or outcomes of your work?

Please be as specific as possible in this section, including any tools/metrics you plan to use and the timeline of your data collection. Examples include but are not limited to: pre/post assessment data, student reflections (audio/video/letters), observational data, etc. Please keep in mind that you will need to report this data to us at the conclusion of the grant.

Mission and Values Alignment

How does this project align with GEF's mission and values to enhance the educational experience or learning environment of the students, families, and/or community?

Sustainability & Integration

How will you share your learning with others? Please consider your grade level, school site, and district-wide opportunities.

Do you have other funding sources to support this request? For example, if an organization like Village Properties or your school or PTA can cover part, please let us know. Not having additional support will not hinder your application.

If this is a tech-related request, do you foresee any limitations with getting it approved through the Tech Department and/or Instructional Services? (For example, adding apps requires District approval.)

- No, not a tech related request
- No, already approved
- Yes (please explain in detail in the box below)

Please share anything else that you'd like us to know about you and/or your idea (include links if possible):

Professional Development (PD) Scholarship

Please do not include any identifying information about you or your school site from this point forward.

Summary

Project Title: _____

Provide a brief description of your grant proposal. Please keep response to 250 characters or less.

Total cost: \$_____

Breakdown anticipated costs - make a copy of this [sheet](#) and link it below.

Area of PD

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> STEAM/Educational Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Math | <input type="checkbox"/> Social-emotional/behavioral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science/NGSS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies | |

Description

What question or problem does this PD address? Why is this important to students, families, and/or the GUSD community? Please include specific data to describe the relevant and timely need for this project and a link to the organization's website.

Is this PD an expansion/extension of a current District initiative? If so, please explain how it builds on what's currently in place and why you believe it is needed. If not, please explain how you will tie it into current practices.

Please briefly explain how your PD addresses the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. CSTPs can be found here:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/educator-prep/standards/cstp-2009.pdf>

- Standard 1: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning
- Standard 2: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning
- Standard 3: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning
- Standard 4: Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for All Students
- Standard 5: Assessing Students for Learning

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Do you have other funding sources to support this request? For example, if an organization like Village Properties or your school or PTA can cover part, please let us know. Not having additional support will not hinder your application.

Given the limited availability of subs across the district, please describe how you/your site will approach the impact of your absence. If your PD does not require an absence, please indicate that here.

Please share anything else that you'd like us to know about you and/or your idea (include links if possible):