



SILOAM SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2025 FALL GRANT GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for your interest in the Siloam Springs Public School Foundation grants program. SSPSF grants are designed to provide funding for projects that increase learning opportunities for students and reward the creative initiative of teachers. SSPSF grants are funded by generous contributions of the Siloam Springs community who support the Foundation. One of the ways in which we accomplish this is by attracting private and philanthropic funds to sustain and expand educational programs that fall outside the Siloam Springs School District's normal operating budget.

GUIDELINES:

The SSPSF Board of Directors is made up of members of the community. The grant review committee is comprised of former educators, business professionals, and other community members.

SSPSF will accept grant requests for any amount up to a maximum of \$1,500 for the Foundation grants. Individuals may only submit one (1) grant request per grant cycle. Teachers who apply may be asked to explain their project/program to the committee prior to the awarding of the grant. Grant moneys will be distributed and coordinated by SSPSF with Siloam Springs School District. Grants will be awarded based criteria outlined in the teacher grant rubric. A committee comprised of educators and community members will evaluate the applications according to the rubric criteria and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for SSPSF.

The Foundation will not be responsible for applications that are received after October 3, 2025. Grant awards will be announced on the Foundation's social media channels and website. Grant recipients are expected to attend the December 2025 School Board meeting to be recognized as a recipient. All grant funds will be available in December 2025, and must be expended or returned to the Foundation no later than April 25, 2026. Payments will be made to the Siloam Springs School District in lump sum for awarded grants. All purchases will be managed through normal district purchasing channels. Any unspent grant awards will be transferred back to the Foundation. All grantees will be responsible for completing a Final Grant Report Form to provide details of outcomes related to their grant and returning it to the Foundation by April 25, 2026.

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CRITERIA:

1. Qualified educators and grant applicants include teachers, administrators, and other school professionals in the Siloam Springs School District.
2. Applications must be completed in full to be considered for funding.
3. Projects should coincide with the goals and curriculum objectives of the Siloam Springs School District.
4. SSPSF shall fund only those projects that augment and enrich the curriculum and do not supplant programs traditionally funded by the school district, state, or federal budgets.
5. Projects should demonstrate sustainability, where applicable.
6. Projects must delineate clear, well-defined goals, sound educational values and represent the applicant's original thoughts.
7. Grant recipients must agree to acknowledge the support of the SSPSF in any printed material, digital media or presentations.
8. If for any reason a grant recipient is unable to administer the approved project, the grant recipient and district will return all allocated funds to the Foundation.
9. No funds will be awarded for multiple applications from an individual school to fund an entire program, or multiple requests from any one individual.
10. The Foundation will not fund grant requests that exceed \$1,500.
11. Supplemental classroom materials and pre-packaged kits are acceptable; however, preference will be given to grants that demonstrate creative and effective implementation and inspire students to learn.
12. Grants that relate to Literacy and STEAM, technical fields, agriculture, food safety, environment, or projects/programs that directly benefit large numbers of students will be given preference.
13. A detailed itemization of all costs and materials is required.
14. All grant awards will be announced on the Foundation social media channels and on the Foundation Website.

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