

# AEF 2026-2027 Innovative Teaching Grant Application

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*Aledo Education Foundation*

## *Part One*

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### **Project Title\***

What is the title of the project you are requesting for a grant?

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Amount Requested\***

\*Up to \$7,500 per grant

*Character Limit: 20*

### **Project Category\***

Please select which of the below option(s) your project would fall under:

#### **Choices**

Advanced Academics

Agriculture

Career/Technical Education

Counseling

Fine Arts

Foreign Languages

Furniture

History/Social Studies

Language Arts

Library Services

Mathematics

Other (Please specify below)

Physical Education

Robotics

Science

Special Services (Special Education, ESL, Dyslexia, Speech Therapy, & Gifted & Talented)

Student Wellness

Technology

### **"Other" Category Specification**

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Number of Campuses Serviced by this Grant Project\***

Please identify how many campuses would be impacted by this grant project:

#### **Choices**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

**Grade Levels Serviced by this Grant Project\***

Please identify which grade level(s) would be impacted by this grant project:

**Choices**

- Pre-K
- K
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

**Number of Students Serviced through this Grant Project\***

Choose the best option below.

**Choices**

- 1-25
- 26-50
- 51-100
- 101-150
- 151-200
- More than 200

Select the best option for each of the categories below:

**This project is:\***

**Choices**

- New to the district
- New to my campus
- New to me

**Have you received funds for this project from AISD previously?\*****Choices**

Yes

No

**Have you previously received an AEF Grant?\*****Choices**

Yes

No

## *Instructions*

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**When applying for a grant, please remember the following:**

- Do not use the name of your campus in the application.
- Grants are to be used to fund projects that cannot be provided for in the school and district budgets.
- Objectives and outcomes should be consistent with the goals of your school/campus and the district.
- Grants cannot be used to fund training or travel type items unless specifically described and included in the budgeted costs of the grant. Grant applicants should include teacher/staff training that may be required in order to implement their grants, and include the costs associated with this in their budgets. Grants will not be funded for standalone teacher training/development items. Verify with campus administration before funds are included for these items.
- When creating your budget, research carefully and be realistic. Small grants are just as likely to be awarded as large grants. Partial funding will be considered. Funds will not be awarded for budgeted items available from district resources. Items requiring additional power, data, or audio visual related items should be verified with the Aledo ISD Facility/Maintenance Departments. \*Remember that amazon quotes are subject to change daily. Therefore we will only honor what is requested if approved.
- Projects awarded should be planned to be fully implemented by the end of the following semester.
- **Tips for Success:**
  - Every submission should be different from other answers.

- Keep it simple. Do not use jargon unknown to the review committee that is more than likely not educators.
- Always be as specific as possible: remember that reviewers will not always be subject matter experts in your area of educational expertise.
- Be data driven but don't inundate readers with more research or data than is necessary to help prove the validity of your claim.
- Be positive; do not write negatively about the campus or the district.
- Try to anticipate objections or concerns and proactively explain how you will overcome them.
- You must purchase from vendors on the district's approved vendor list. Verify prior to applying. Contact Kim Whitely or Buffy Hanson in the Business Office if you need assistance

## Part Two

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### Statement of Need:\*

In this section, you will need to describe specifically what need you are addressing. Be sure to explain why this need cannot fully be met using existing campus or district funds and to address why meeting this need is a priority for the district.

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### Description of Proposed Project/Activity:\*

Use this category to fully describe your proposed project or activity focusing on an audience who will not be subject matter experts in your field. You should specifically address how your project meets one or more of these categories: enrich teaching, inspire learning, and/or maximize innovative opportunities for students.

*Character Limit: 1500*

### Project Timeline:\*

In this section, you will list a timeline or an outline of the steps that will be taken to fulfill your project. It should start with the planning phase that would occur upon notification of grant receipt and end at the evaluation phase.

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### Objectives:\*

In this section, you will provide a group of objectives designed to accomplish your goal that are narrow, precise, tangible, and concrete. They should follow the SMART method: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound. Your objectives must be quantifiable and should relate to outcomes and not the process. Objectives must be realistic and capable of being accomplished within the grant period and should specifically relate to the population

being served by the grant. Your evaluation at the end of the project will measure how well each of your objectives were met. Finally, discuss how you will be able to sustain your project beyond the grant funding period or what the lasting impact would be from the project for years to come.

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### **Evaluation:\***

In this section, you will describe how you will quantifiably measure how well your goal and objectives are met. As such, each objective should have a counterpart in the evaluation section that explains how that objective will be evaluated. (Tip: do not use any data for evaluation that is not specifically and solely tied to this project, such as STAAR assessment data).

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### **Partners:\***

In this section, you will identify your partners in this project and their respective roles. Your partners can be community partners, campus or district partners, or parents. (Tips: be creative and develop partnerships with other departments or campuses, and be innovative in using partnerships to help promote value of expenditures and to increase sustainability).

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### **Budget Tips**

- Do not budget for items that are not clearly mentioned or supported elsewhere in the application
- Your budget must include any costs associated with necessary training or travel for your project
- Do not pad your budget or feel like you have to use up the full funds available for the grant limit
- Funds will not be awarded for budgeted items available from district resources

### **Budget Worksheet:\***

Please download the budget template [HERE](#). Complete the form and upload it below.

*File Size Limit: 3 MB*

### **Picture**

If you would like to upload a picture or image of your request, you can do so here.

*File Size Limit: 22 MB*

## *Instructions for Approval Process*

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### **Approval Instructions:**

1. Click the Application Packet button at the top right of the page to download a PDF file of your application.
2. Print or email your application to your principal for approval.
3. Compose email below giving principal access to record their approval in the system. (The email you compose will include a link for them to record their approval).

Note: You can submit before principal approval. Contact Courtney@aledoef.org if you have any questions.

## *Principal Approval*

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Please review by email or hard copy your teacher's grant application and then submit your approval below. Please add any additional comments regarding your decision to approve or reject this application that you would like administrators and reviewers to be aware of.

**Note:** Please click the Submit button at the bottom of the page to ensure your approval is recorded.

### **Principal Approval:\***

Please indicate if you have seen and approved the grantee's application.

#### Choices

Yes

No

### **Additional Comments:**

Please add any additional comments and do not provide any identifying information regarding you or your school.

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