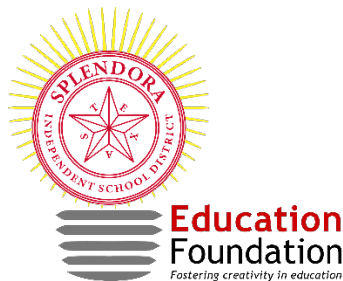


# INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS GRANT APPLICATION PACKET FOR TEACHERS



The Grants Committee of the Splendorra ISD Education Foundation is pleased to open the 2020-2021 Innovative Teaching Grants application process.

The grant application, instructions, and guidelines are part of this packet. To ensure consideration of your request, please adhere to all the guidelines.

## IMPORTANT DATES

November 16, 2020 Call for Grants

December 14, 2020 Grants Due 5pm (email and hard copy)

January 12, 2021 Grant Grading Party

January 13, 2021 Present Grants to SEF Board of Directors for Approval

January 19, 2021 Present Grants to Splendorra ISD School Board

*SECRET DATE Prize Party!!!*

The Grant Selection Committee is comprised of up to 15 members, including district representatives, SEF board members, and community representatives. Applications will receive a blind review to ensure an objective score unbiased by individual or campus ties.

We are aware of the challenges teachers face due to limited resources within our schools and classrooms. Our goal is to help you support a new and innovative idea that will benefit your students. If you have questions about the form or procedures, please contact us or visit our website, [www.splendorraisdeducationfoundation.com](http://www.splendorraisdeducationfoundation.com) for additional information.

Sincerely,

Splendorra ISD Education Foundation

## MISSION and PURPOSE

The mission and purpose of the Splendorra ISD Education Foundation is to support educational excellence and foster creativity in the Splendorra Independent School District by providing funds through teacher grants for innovation in the classroom.

## GOALS

The Splendorra ISD Education Foundation will achieve its mission by directing resources toward the following goals:

Strengthen and enrich learning through the development of innovative programs.

Support additional training and resources for educators of the Splendorra ISD.

Provide the tools to prepare students for future success.

Inspire parents and community members to participate with the school system to enrich education.

Build community support and positive attention for the Splendorra ISD.

# GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

## PURPOSE

Innovative Teaching Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches to the accomplishment of program objectives. The Splendora ISD Education Foundation (SEF) is offering teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants to support innovative programs or projects to support higher levels of student learning. The grants must enhance student academic performance and support the objectives, goals, and initiatives of the Campus Action Plan.

## PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Individuals or teams of individuals employed by the Splendora ISD who are involved in the instruction of students or related support services benefiting students.

## ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS

Instructional approaches or projects designed to begin during the 2020-2021 school year, and which meet the selection criteria. Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials, parent involvement programs, or any activity or material which supports higher levels of student academic achievement.

## AWARDS OF FUNDS

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to individual teachers and/or team-initiated programs or projects. The number of awarded grants will depend on funds available from SEF.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The degree to which the grant supports the Splendora ISD goals and the Campus Action Plan and is specifically designed to address an area of need substantiated by data.

The degree to which student academic performance is emphasized.

The degree to which sound evaluation procedures are incorporated in the proposal.

The degree to which the proposal represents a creative or innovative approach to the accomplishment of objectives. Funds are not typically available for recurring programs/projects. The proposal should address a new project as opposed to one accomplished or underway.

The degree to which the proposal is clear and logical, including:

- specificity of objectives
- clarity of description of procedures, methods, or treatment
- correspondence among evaluative procedures, objectives, or treatments

Grant applications should be submitted to SEF electronically & a hard copy with original signatures on the cover must be forwarded to SEF at the administration office.

**Email application as an attachment to [educationfoundation@splendoraisd.org](mailto:educationfoundation@splendoraisd.org)**

## GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Cover sheet complete
- Signature of principal and IT/Facilities Director (if applicable)
- Complete itemized budget
- No use of campus name beyond cover page
- Grants cannot be used to fund teacher training or travel
- Grants must be submitted electronically by December 14, 2020 and hard copy sent to Education Foundation at administration office.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Application forms may be obtained online through the webpage.

Teacher-initiated applications must be reviewed by the Campus Leadership Team for congruence with campus programs and signed by the principal.

Signed applications are due to the SEF / Administration office no later than 5 pm on December 14, 2020.

Application will be reviewed and commented on by the Grant Selection Committee made up of the following members:

- (2-4) SEF members appointed by the SEF Board of Directors
- (2-4) SISD employees appointed by the Splendor ISD
- (2-4) Community members appointed by the SEF Board of Directors
- Others as determined by the SEF Board of Directors

If recommended for approval, the application is presented to the SEF Board of Directors in summary form for review and formal approval.

If approved by the SEF Board of Directors, the application is collectively presented to the Splendor ISD School Board for formal acceptance of the grant funds.

Applicants will be notified of decisions by the date specified by the committee.

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

### STATEMENT OF NEED

- Describe the area of student achievement you wish to address and give any data that supports the need. Please include how this grant addresses district and campus goals.
- Keep the statement simple and straightforward.
- Show how project relates to the District/Campus Action Plan(s).

### OBJECTIVES

- Limit the number of objectives but be specific in each objective.
- Imply or state evaluation in the statement of objectives.

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

- Describe the problem or issue addressed.
- Show how the project supports the purpose.
- List steps to be followed in project implementation.
- Relate project to need and objectives.
- Be specific.

### EVALUATION AND PARTNERS

- Relate to stated objectives.
- Indicate how you will know whether the project was successful.
- Are there others who will participate in this project? (e.g. Rotary, Jr. League, etc.)
- What will the partner's role be in the project?