



## Grants for Great Ideas 2024-2025

**PURPOSE:** The Sulphur Springs ISD Education Foundation invites educators to submit proposals for the **Grants for Great Ideas Program**. This initiative aims to encourage, facilitate, recognize, and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches that enhance student learning. A dedicated committee will review all submissions, selecting outstanding proposals to receive funding and bring these innovative ideas to life. The program is designed to bridge the gap in funding for projects that will enrich our schools and provide unique learning opportunities for our students.

### **BASIC FRAMEWORK:**

- Maximum Grant amount for \$2,500 per classroom, larger grants may be eligible for campus-wide or larger impact projects
- Submit projects through [SSEF 2024-2025 Grants for Great Ideas Application](#)
- Project Applicants must involve a teacher or librarian in the school district
- Project will be scored as listed in Criteria below
- All awarded funds must be encumbered by Spring 2025
- Follow detailed instructions below

**PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS:** Individuals or teams of individuals employed by the Sulphur Springs ISD who are involved in the instruction of students or related support services benefiting students may apply. Individual applicants must be a certified teacher. Team applicants must include at least one certified teacher.

**ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS:** Instructional approaches or projects designed to begin during the 2024-2025 school year which meet the selection criteria are eligible. Grants may fund innovative classroom materials or any activity or material which supports higher levels of student academic achievement.

**AWARD OF FUNDS:** Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to individual teacher-initiated programs or projects. Larger grants may be awarded to campus teams, departments or grade-level initiated programs or projects. The number of awards will

depend on funds available from the Sulphur Springs ISD Education Foundation.

**DUE DATE:** Applications are due no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday November 22, 2025**. Questions may be directed to Angela Grimes at [agrimes@ssisd.net](mailto:agrimes@ssisd.net). All applications must be submitted through the Google Form here: [SSEF 2024-2025 Grants for Great Ideas Application](#)

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Only applications submitted through the Google Form will be considered by the Grant Committee. The committee aims to make selections by late November and will notify all applicants of the outcome.

Criteria	Max Score	Description of Criteria
Evidence of Need	0-5	Demonstrates strong, clear need for the project. Project strongly enhances or supports the existing curriculum or provides additional learning experiences. Will positively impact students and meet the needs of students.
Expected Outcomes	0-5	Clearly defines expected outcomes on student learning. Request shows how the grant will impact a student's educational experience. Benefits of the project expected to be long term (materials can be used for more than one year).
Support	0-5	Demonstrates support of principal or campus goal, other teachers, and/or parents or students.
Creativity/Innovation	0-5	Strong evidence project is a new idea to the district.
Application Quality	0-5	Request includes thorough responses based on development of the project and provides appropriately detailed responses to ALL questions.

**APPLICATION TIPS:**

- Projects should directly involve students as fully as possible. For example, a film developed for classroom use should ideally be written and produced by students.
- Grants may be used to compensate experts or resource speakers who work with students, but should not be used to pay teachers, staff or substitutes.
- Funds may be used to purchase equipment but not when these are ends in themselves. Equipment should be only one component of a well-planned program/project integrated with other curriculum materials and activities.
- Avoid using acronyms and education jargon.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRANTS FOR GREAT IDEAS RECIPIENTS:**

- The grant recipient must use the awards for the purposes intended.
- Funds must be encumbered by Spring, 2025.

- If selected, complete, sign and return the *Terms of Grant* form by the designated deadline.
- Understand that all grant materials and equipment become the property of the Sulphur Springs ISD.

**NOTE:** If an individual grant recipient transfers campuses within SSISD, the materials and equipment purchased through the grant may follow that teacher (as long as it is age appropriate for the new assignment). If an individual grant recipient leaves SSISD, the grant remains with the school for which the grant was written. If two or more individuals from one campus collectively received a grant and NOT ALL grant recipients are transferring to the same campus, the equipment and materials purchased by the grant remain at the receiving campus.

Please feel free to utilize a video to further explain your grant idea/application