Easton Learning Foundation: Universal Grant Application

The *Easton Learning Foundation* is an independent organization of community volunteers that is dedicated to enriching Easton's strong commitment to quality education and lifelong learning. To that end, the Foundation strives to secure financial and human resources for innovative educational projects and programs.

Innovation Grant: The Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) is pleased to offer funds to certified staff for instructional projects that foster innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and coincide with the curriculum and goals of our school district.

Funds may be used to purchase instructional materials, computer hardware and software, scientific or mathematical equipment, fund printing expenses, periodical or internet subscriptions, field trips, or cover other costs that directly support innovative educational initiatives. Students should derive a significant and defined benefit from the project, and grants with the potential for broad replication /dissemination are strongly encouraged; projects in the realm of the regular Board of Education budget will not be considered.

Additionally, ELF is requesting proposals to support opportunities in the following areas:

Community Connections: The Easton Learning Foundation is making funds available to Easton residents of all ages who seek to learn, grow, and strengthen connections between the school population and community-at-large. Community Connection grants are intended to encourage the sharing of knowledge and fostering of community; Easton residents and employees of the Easton Public Schools are encouraged to apply.

Green Grant: The Easton Learning Foundation is making funds available to enable educational projects that support the town wide commitment of understanding and protecting our environment. The purpose of the Green Grant is to encourage Easton citizens and school employees to take an active role in solving environmental problems and developing ideas for furthering environmental sustainability. Certified teachers and administrators working in our district are eligible to apply.

Professional Development: The Easton Learning Foundation is pleased to offer funds to support professional development activities that encourage superior instruction. Certified teachers and administrators employed by our school district are eligible to apply; programs, conferences and workshops must improve the delivery of existing curriculum and support student achievement.

Respect Grant: The Easton Learning Foundation, in conjunction with Easton Operation Respect, is making funds available to support opportunities for students to practice positive character attributes and increase incidences of mutual respect. Easton residents of all ages and employees of the Easton Public Schools are encouraged to apply.

To apply for funds, complete the enclosed application and submit signed proposals to: Easton Learning Foundation, P.O. Box 437 Easton, CT 06612. Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the application process to: gabrielrossi@eastonlearningfoundation.org.

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Applicant Name: _____

School/Employer: _____

Position (grade & subject if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Project/Conference Title: _____

Total Funds Requested: $ _____ Date funds will be needed: _____ - _____ - _____

Has your principal approved this grant? ___ Y ___ N

Please include with your application a brief narrative précis addressing the following topics:

1. Describe the proposed project and course/curriculum to which the project will be applied.
2. Describe the beneficiaries of the project, including the intended student population, additional instructors as well as other courses or off-campus learners that may benefit.
3. Describe how the project will improve the quality of teaching and learning in your classroom and school, and indicate how you intend to evaluate its success.
4. If the proposal involves professional development, describe the program and include details of how you intend to apply/disseminate newly acquired knowledge in the classroom/school.
5. Provide a summary of relevant background experiences that will contribute to the success of the project and an estimate of the time you intend to dedicate to the project.
6. Include a timeline for implementation and projected submission date for project evaluation.
7. Provide a detailed, itemized budget and indicate your preferred funding schedule—all expenses should be documented in the final evaluation. If you are purchasing new equipment or software, check with your school's technical staff to verify compatibility requirements and note the availability of similar equipment already in your building.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

[1] Grant approval based on merit and available funds.
[2] Grants may be partially or fully funded.
[3] Grants shall not fund projects traditionally supported by district, state or federal budgets.
[4] Equipment acquired through grants are the exclusive property of the Region 9 School District.
[5] If recipients are unable to administer grants, all allocated funds shall be returned to ELF.

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