

Easton Learning Foundation

Community Connections Grant Instructions and Information

Purpose:

The Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) is making grants available to Easton residents to fund educational projects during the school year. The purpose of these grants is to benefit Easton residents of all ages who seek to learn and grow, and to strengthen connections between the school population and the community at large. The grants are intended to encourage the sharing of knowledge among community members.

Eligibility:

Easton residents of all ages may apply for grant monies.

Criteria:

ELF will use the following general criteria when reviewing applications:

- Students are engaged in a creative approach to learning that will add depth to curriculum and motivate students.
- Students derive a significant benefit from the project.
- Project/program will foster connections between Easton school students and members of the community at large.
- Grants that benefit a larger target population or that can be shared by other teachers and students are encouraged.
- Project must not be considered in the realm of the regular Board of Education budget.

Funding Guidelines:

- ELF will award grants not to exceed \$1,000.
- Grant requests may be partially or fully funded.
- The primary criterion for dispensing grants shall be high-quality educational content and the impact on students. Project should demonstrate sustainability, where applicable.
- ELF gives preference to projects that will benefit the largest number of individuals.
- ELF shall fund only those projects that do not supplant programs that are traditionally funded by the district, state or federal budgets.
- Grant funds may be used for but not limited to: educational materials and supplies, computer hardware and/or software, scientific or mathematical equipment, printing expenses, periodical or internet subscriptions, field trips, and other uses, provided they are part of innovative educational initiatives.
- ELF does not typically fund transportation costs, compensation for substitute teachers, or salaries or stipends for additional staffing as a result of the project.
- Grant approval based on merit and funds available.
- If for any reason the grant recipient is unable to administer the approved project, the recipient will return all the allocated funds to the foundation.

Application Process:

- Complete the enclosed application.
- Have the school principal approve and sign the application if the project is to take place in a school setting.
- Forward application to: Easton Learning Foundation
P.O. Box 437
Easton, CT 06612
- Applications will be accepted at any time during the school year.
- Grant writing tips and information may be accessed online at: www.educationworld.com
- Any questions regarding the application process may be directed to:
Barbie Powell – bgpowell@optonline.net
Ann Leibell - dandaleibell@yahoo.com

Community Connections Grant Application

Applicant Information

Name _____ Date _____

Employer if applicable _____

Position _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Project Information

Project Title _____

Number of students involved in project* _____

Number of teachers involved in project* _____

Who will benefit from your project? _____

On separate paper: (1) state the objectives of the project (2) describe the project including a description of the final product or culminating activity (3) provide a detailed, itemized listing of your budget needs for this project (4) include information about how you will determine that the project's objectives were successfully met. (When a grant is awarded, an evaluation tool will be included.)

Funding Information

Total amount of money requested _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of
School Administrator * _____ Date _____

(* If project will be completed in school setting)

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Mission Statement: *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.*

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