



Dr. Allen Fossbender Professional Development Grant Instructions and Information

Purpose:

The Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) is pleased to offer grants to fund professional development. The purpose of this grant is to allow staff members to attend professional development workshops that will encourage superior instruction and augment the existing curriculum. Teacher quality is one of the most important factors influencing student achievement, and it can be improved by education, certification, and professional development (Darling-Hammond, 2000). "The art of teaching is the art of continuing to learn. Teachers are the most important learners in the classroom" (Graves, 1994).

Eligibility:

Any certified staff member currently employed by the Easton or Region 9 Board of Education may apply for a grant.

Criteria:

ELF will use the following general criteria when reviewing applications:

- All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement.
- Decisions regarding the content of the professional growth activities must be based upon an assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues and must be integrated into the institutional planning process.
- Following the workshop, the grant recipient will share information with colleagues at a grade level meeting, faculty meeting, or district curriculum meeting.

Funding Guidelines:

- ELF will award grants not to exceed \$500.
 - A maximum of two Fossbender grants will be awarded during each school year beginning during the 2009-2010 school year.
 - Grant requests may be partially or fully funded.
 - Program must augment and enrich the curriculum.
 - Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.
- 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 be limited to: program tuition fees, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches, and skills. Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.
- 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 your principal approve and sign the application.
- Forward application to: Easton Learning Foundation
P.O. Box 437
Easton, CT 06612
- Applications will be accepted at any time during the school year.
- Any questions regarding the application process may be directed to:
Barbie Powell – bgpowell@optonline.net

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Applicant Information

Name _____ Date _____

School _____ Position _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ School Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Project Information

Name of Conference or Workshop _____

Date of Conference or Workshop _____

Content area of Conference or Workshop _____

On separate paper: (1) state your objectives for attending this workshop; (2) describe the program or curriculum for the workshop; (3) provide a detailed, itemized listing of your budget needs for this project; (4) include information about how you will use your newly acquired knowledge and/or skills in your classroom and school.

Funding Information

Total amount of money requested _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

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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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