



GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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Mission Statement

The Ed. Foundation is an independent, nonprofit, community-based organization. The purpose of The Ed. Foundation is to support initiatives that are beyond basic educational needs and to enhance and expand educational opportunities for all students in the Port Washington public school district. The Ed. Foundation actively seeks donations, grants and government funds in order to distribute funds to selected programs and resources.

Applicant Eligibility

Individuals or organizations whose work aligns with the mission of The Ed. Foundation are eligible to receive grants. Eligible grantees include:

- School staff (educators, support staff, administrators, etc.)
- Parents working as individuals or as part of parent organizations
- Students and student organizations
- Community members

Key Considerations in Funding Decisions

- Evidence of an innovative, well-conceived, feasible project that enhances curriculum
- Demonstrable impact to the student experience
- Careful budgeting that maximizes all resources
- Potential for sustainability and incorporation into school district programs
- Collaboration among educators, schools or community partners

Obligations of the Grantee

- Monies must be used for the purposes detailed in the application, during the Project's stated time schedule.
- The applicant must ensure that the Project complies with all appropriate local, Board of Education and other Agency's rules and regulations prior to submission of the application.
- Grant recipients must provide The Ed. Foundation with a written project evaluation upon Project completion.
- All materials (software, hardware, evaluations, etc.) are considered property of the school district.

Download The Ed. Foundation grant application [HERE](#).
Questions? Contact grants@theedfoundation.org.



The Ed. Foundation Grant Application FAQs

Thank you for your commitment to Port Washington's students. The following information may help facilitate your Ed. Foundation application. For all other questions, email grants@theedfoundation.org.

How will my application be evaluated?

The Ed. Foundation respects the time spent on every proposal and carefully considers each one. A committee of Ed. Foundation board members, of varied backgrounds and experience, evaluates each application on its own merits, without consideration for parity among the schools or subject areas. During the review process, committee members may contact applicants for further information. Finally, the committee presents all recommended Projects to The Ed. Foundation board for a vote of approval. Applicants are notified of funding decisions in a timely fashion.

How does The Ed. Foundation work with Port Washington school district administration?

The Ed. Foundation partners with the District to foster educational excellence, community engagement, educator enthusiasm and student achievement. To ensure that Projects are feasible and supported by the District, every application must be approved by ALL participating school principals. If a Project will impact any school district facility, grounds or technology, the approval signatures of appropriate district administrators are also required.

How many grants can be awarded to one applicant?

There is no limit to the number of grants an applicant may be awarded in any one year, or over the course of many years.

What kinds of projects have the best chance of getting funded?

The Ed. Foundation seeks to fund innovative, enriching projects that directly benefit students. Compelling applications:

- Provide thorough, specific responses to all application questions, and include detailed budgets.
- Impact the greatest number of students possible in a considered, cost-effective way.
- Showcase innovation, while building on existing curriculum.
- Bridge different subject areas and/or are otherwise collaborative, among educators, schools, or with other community partners.
- Are closely aligned to the district's vision, mission and Portrait of a Graduate, with potential to be adopted into district programming.
- Articulate why continued or additional funding is needed, if the project is already in use.

Are there any projects The Ed. Foundation won't fund?

The Ed. Foundation is unlikely to fund requests that:

- Are not tied into curriculum (e.g., a piece of building equipment or infrastructure in isolation).
- The school district already funds (e.g., new textbooks to replace outdated ones).
- Do not directly benefit the student/classroom learning experience (e.g., sports equipment for free play during recess).

What does it mean to accept partial funding?

Grant recipients may receive funding from multiple sources, including other organizations or the school district. The Ed. Foundation encourages applicants to explore all funding possibilities prior to application submission. If the Project cannot be executed without full funding from the Ed. Foundation, applicants should NOT indicate that they will accept partial funding.

My project received funding from The Ed. Foundation! Now what?

- Each grantee is assigned a board liaison from The Ed. Foundation who will serve as the principal contact for that grant.
- The Ed. Foundation must be informed, in writing, of any changes to timing, scope or location prior to Project commencement.
- Grant recipients should inform students' parents/guardians that an Ed. Foundation-funded program is taking place.
- An Ed. Foundation representative may observe and photograph the Project for publication, in print, Online or on social media.
- At the end of a Project, grant recipients must provide The Ed. Foundation with a written project evaluation and may be asked to present to The Ed. Foundation and/or other groups.



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Dear Members of the Port Washington School District and Community:

Annually, commencing in January and concluding in March, The Ed. Foundation invites applications for grants that center on technology, literacy, science, mathematics, and the arts. Criteria is based on factors such as the number of students reached, the project's creativity, innovation, and collaborative elements, as well as its budgetary considerations and the overall impact on both the school and its students.

The Ed. Foundation is presently supporting forty-two grants spanning all seven schools, bolstering financial aid for pioneering educational initiatives that directly benefit the students of Port Washington. I extend a warm invitation and earnestly encourage you to partner with me this year in championing The Ed. Foundation. Unleash your creativity by submitting an application for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,



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