



NORTH THURSTON
Education Foundation
PARTNERS FOR KIDS

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LIG) Application

*(*For ease of processing, please keep all grant materials one-sided and use paper clips, not staples.)*

Type of Grant Requested (select one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Teaching & Learning (\$1,500 Max) | <input type="checkbox"/> Closing the Achievement Gap (\$1,000 Max) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creativity and Arts Grants (\$1,000 Max) | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Character in the Classroom (\$500 Max) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet-A-Need Grant (\$500 Max) | |

Amount Requested: \$

School Year: 20

School:

Contact Information

Applicant(s) Name(s) & Position(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Grant Request Submission: _____

Project Proposal

Project Name _____

1. Describe your plan for use of these funds including, if applicable, a project timeline: *(Additional space available on page 2)*



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2. A. Describe how the students in your classroom and/or school will benefit from this project:

B. Number of Students who will benefit from this project: _____



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3. Please be specific about the cost of your project.

A. What is the total cost of the project? *(Please provide documentation and a breakdown of expenses.)*

B. Amount secured from other sources *(Please list sources.)*



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4. If the project is ongoing, how will you obtain additional funds in the future?

5. The North Thurston Education Foundation requires all successful grantees to submit a short post-grant report on their project; a form is available at www.ntef.org. Will you be able to submit this report within 2 months of the completion of the grant cycle? Yes. No.

Signature _____

6. I have reviewed this grant application. The project will support our School Improvement Plan for the current school year.
(To be completed by the building principal)

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

Submit Your Completed Form to:

Michael Jones, Executive Director at ntef@hotmail.com
Teena Barnes, Executive Director of Financial Services at tbarnes@nthurston.k12.wa.us
Amanda Sipher, Grant Specialist at asipher@nthurston.k12.wa.us

*Notice of approval/disapproval
will be sent within 30 days of
application review.*

Questions? 360-790-6548



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LIG requests will be accepted on September 15, November 1, February 1, and May 1. Grant Decisions will be made within 30 days after the deadline for the period in which the grant is submitted. The awards will note specific start and mandatory conclusion dates for fund expenditures.

Grant requests will be evaluated based on commitment to the mission of the North Thurston Education Foundation – *to mobilize financial, leadership and other resources necessary to enrich programs and enhance educational opportunity for students and staff of North Thurston Public Schools.* Foundation activities are consistent with, and supportive of, the North Thurston vision for teaching and learning so that each student will achieve success in a changing and diverse world.

We envision grant projects that promote student growth and achievement. **Applications must be signed by the building principal certifying that the proposed project supports the current School Improvement Plan for the applicant's school.**

Steps to Completing a Grant Application

1. Review LIG Information Sheet to learn about the various grant categories awarded.
2. Download the form and enter the required information in the fields provided.
3. Complete the application, providing any necessary supportive documentation.
4. Sign the application and obtain your building principal signature. Please be sure to save a copy for yourself.
5. Scan your application and e-mail it to Mike, Teena and Amanda.
6. Complete a Post-Grant Report and submit, electronically or by mail, within 60 days after the grant completion date.

Submitting Your Application

Email to:

Michael Jones: NTEF@hotmail.com

Teena Barnes: tbarnes@nthurston.k12.wa.us

Amanda Sipher: asipher@nthurston.k12.wa.us





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LIG Grant Criteria

All grants are awarded on a yearly basis. Subsequent requests require documented results on a Post Grant Report and the submission of a new Grant Request.

Innovative Teaching & Learning Grant - \$1,500

The Innovative Teaching & Learning Grant is a broad based grant available for the first two years of a program is designed to encourage teachers to try innovative 'outside the box' teaching ideas that are consistent with North Thurston Curriculum Guidelines. Grants may be used to support collaborative teaching situations in which teachers are teaming to leverage efficiencies, create unique learning opportunities, or share resources and materials. Grants may also be used to support increased interest in science, math, arts, and technology through the acquisition of related equipment and materials. Grants may be used to expand foreign language opportunities. Additionally, grants may be used to support student learning outside of the school day or to help fund field trips during or after the school day.

Closing the Achievement Gap Grant - \$1,000

The Closing the Achievement Gap Grant works to support students who need additional help in achieving academic success. Grants may be used for before/after school learning and tutoring; science, math, and technology programs and equipment; and ongoing collaborative teaching situations that keep at risk students engaged in learning. Grants may also be used to support foreign language development. Additionally, grants may be used to help fund field trips.

Creativity and the Arts Grant - \$1,000

The Creativity and the Arts Grant is designed to support the arts, photography, drama, journalism and music. The North Thurston Education Foundation recognizes that the arts enhance learning and help keep students engaged in school. This grant can be used to contract with a teaching artist to participate in the planning, design, and instruction of an arts education or arts-in-education project that meets the specific needs of the school. Funds can also be used to purchase materials that enhance the artistic experience for students such as books, sheet music and durable equipment.

Building Character in the Classroom Grant - \$500

The Building Character in the Classroom Grant aids educators in developing and supplying students with programs that address civics, philanthropy, bullying, kindness and being good stewards of the earth. The programs must benefit the students directly. Grants may be used to help fund activities such as assemblies, workshops, work parties, school beautification projects or community service projects in which students are directly involved.

Meet-A-Need Grant - \$500

The North Thurston Education Foundation, through its grant program, provides incentive funding for North Thurston teachers, therapists, librarians, administrators, or other staff members as they develop activities to enhance education. This program will provide funds for special projects, research, or educational materials that will enhance the teaching, learning, and enjoyment of North Thurston students. There is no preconceived criteria for projects except that students directly benefit from the project.