



2026-2027 Classroom Grant Information Sheet

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Classroom Grant FAQ

1. Who should apply?

Auburn-Washburn staff seeking funds to implement an activity or project in an individual classroom or with a group of students during the 2026-2027 school year.

2. When is the application deadline?

The deadline for submission of the grant application is September 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

3. What is the dollar amount available for each grant?

There is no set amount for grants. Last school year, the Foundation awarded grants in the following amounts:

- Under \$250 = 2
- \$250-\$499 = 11
- \$500-\$999 = 33
- \$1,000-\$1,499 = 5
- \$1,500 or more = 7

4. When will the recipients be notified?

Grant recipients will be notified and funds distributed in October 2026. All funds awarded should be used within the 2026-2027 school calendar year unless other arrangements are made.

5. What items are excluded from funding?

Funds may be used for any expenses necessary to carry out a project or program **EXCEPT**:

- staff salaries
- travel expenses for competition activities
- subscription-based services
- merchandise used for incentives, rewards, or motivational purposes
- curriculum, projects, or technology not compatible with, nor supported by the district
- classroom furniture that is not a district approved option

6. Will applicants be able to apply for additional grants annually?

Applicants may apply as often as they choose. Selection is not based on who is applying. Priority may be given to new proposals.

7. How will I know if my grant application has been received?

When the application is successfully submitted, a confirmation notice will be displayed at the top of the screen. If you try to submit an application that does not contain all the required information, an alert directing you to the missing or incorrect information will be displayed on the screen. If you have any questions about the status of your application, please contact Jessica Roberts, (roberjes@usd437.net or 339-4072) at any time.

8. Who can answer additional questions about the grants?

Auburn-Washburn Communications Director Jessica Roberts (roberjes@usd437.net or 339-4072)

Grant Application

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide an alternative means to enhance, enrich, and expand educational programs not otherwise available through normal district funding. Applications will be reviewed by the grant selection committee of the Auburn-Washburn Public Schools Foundation. Grants selected by this committee will be presented to the Foundation's Board of Directors for approval. The following criteria should be addressed:

- Probability of direct, worthwhile impact on students.
- Demonstration of innovation and creativity which provides a learning experience not otherwise available.
- Project's relationship to school/district goals and outcomes.
- Focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning.

Application Guidelines

Applications will consist **only** of the submitted online application. If the funding request is for materials or a device that the general public would not be familiar with, please describe briefly. **NO ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE CONSIDERED.** The application must describe the project and include a listing or description of how the money will be used. Applications must include a whole dollar amount requested that covers all costs including shipping. **APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED** (modifications can be made after grant is awarded to account for price changes, adjustments, discounts, etc.). Applications will be reviewed by the applicable department or area to ensure compatibility with current programs, equipment, etc. Applications submitted after the deadline cannot be considered.