Alvin ISD Education Foundation Innovative Teaching Grant Application

Description

An Innovative Teaching Grant funds creative projects that go beyond typical classroom teaching to make learning more exciting and effective for students. We are looking for fresh ideas that inspire students and transform how they learn, while still meeting district goals and educational standards. Maximum award amount: $5,000

Strong applications will:
-Have a lasting impact - Projects that can continue benefiting students for years, not just one semester
-Reach many students - Ideas that affect the greatest number of learners possible
-Include durable materials - Equipment, tools, or resources that won't be used up quickly (rather than supplies that get consumed)

Items not eligible for consideration: furniture, teacher travel, catering, gift cards, one year software subscriptions, books/classroom materials not approved by IT or Curriculum Director of AISD. All forms of AI will be rejected.

Applications with missing or incomplete/improperly filled attachments will be rejected.

Who can apply: Teachers, Counselors, Librarians, Specialists, Instructional Coaches

Application OPENS: October 30, 2026

Application CLOSES: January 15, 2027

If grant is awarded, Alvin ISD Education Foundation requires the following compliance:

1) A photo op at the presentation of the check
2) Alvin ISD Education Foundation to be recognized and tagged in all social media posts and district communications to parents and community partners regarding the grant
3) Photos of the grant in action (minimum of 7 photos)

4) Video (1-2 minutes) of the grant in action to be sent to the Foundation by April 1 of awarded year stating how the Foundation has been beneficial to your project
5) Must be willing to present grant in action at selected Alvin ISD Education Foundation board meeting
6) Must be willing to share experience with the grant process at New Employee Orientation for the upcoming school year

Application

1. Last Name, First Name

2. Did you receive an Innovative Teaching Grant last year?

3. If yes, did you submit required compliance (photos/video)?

2. Please list names and schools of any teachers who are co-writing this grant.

3. What grade levels will benefit from this grant?

4. School/Department that will benefit from your grant? Select all that apply.

5. If you selected Other, please specify

6. Grant Title

7. Is this a Continuation Grant?

8. Provide a one sentence summary statement for this grant. (Example: Art and Chemistry teachers will collaborate to teach students about chemical reactions within the ceramic glaze process)

9. What is the total amount requested? Maximum: $5,000. (Amount must match the budget sheet. Estimates and items unrelated to the grant will not be accepted.)

*** If the total project cost exceeds the maximum grant amount of $5,000, you must clearly identify how the remaining costs will be covered, including any existing funds, secured donations, or planned future fundraisers.

10. Applicable Content Area:

11. Is this an interdisciplinary/cross-curricular grant? (i.e. this grant will affect multiple subjects) If so, please explain.

12. What is the estimated number of students who will benefit from this grant?

13. What is the estimated number of participating teachers?

14. What is the estimated number of participating parents (if applicable)?

15. What is the estimated number of participating volunteers (if applicable)?

16. Purpose/Objective – what is the purpose of this grant and specifically state the desired outcomes of this project, focusing on measurable student performance.

Scoring rubric: well written, focused, lasting impact, alignment with AISD goals, values, and curriculum.

17. What current challenges or area of improvement do you feel this grant will address?

18. Grant Implementation – Provide a detailed list of activities to give evaluators an overview of this grant in action and how it will be implemented. Include details on participants, student impact, location, and a timeline. Best practices: describe and specifically name items well enough that evaluators who are not in the education field do not need to search on their own, fully describe acronyms or jargon.

Scoring rubric: Provide 3 or more exceptionally detailed, well-written, and comprehensive action items.

19. Innovation – What makes this grant innovative or creative in your view?

Scoring will be based on ideas that are original, highly innovative, impactful, and showcase creative problem solving.

20. Evaluation – What will you use to measure the impact of the project? Describe and define.

21. Budget – Use the Budget Form provided to make an itemized list of items to be purchased for this specific grant only. ADD shipping and DO NOT add tax. (Budget Form opens in Excel. Enter budget information, save it as a PDF, and upload it). The total amount of your budget sheet must match the dollar amount requested, not to exceed $5,000.

22. Principal Approval Form –Upload the fully completed form provided, signed by Principal. Incomplete, blank, or unsigned forms will result in a rejected application.

23. Technology Approval Form – Grant applications requesting any technology must have a Technology Approval Form included with application. Upload the signed Technology Approval Form provided. DUE to Technology Dept by XXXXXXXX

24. Submission Requirements: (Please check all items that you have uploaded.)

25. Optional additional support documents, photos, inspiration, resources, etc (Upload)

Rubric

Grant Implementation

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1 = Poor: Fewer than 3 action items provided, lacking detail and clarity
2 = Fair: Fewer than 3 action items provided, with some detail but vague or underdeveloped
3 = Average: 3 action items provided, with clearer and more relevant details
4 = Good: More than 3 action items provided, well-written with clear and relevant details
5 = Excellent: More than 3 action items provided, exceptionally detailed, well-written, and Comprehensive

Innovation

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1 Poor: Limited to simple items like campus trinkets or student prizes, lacking creativity or broader impact
2 Fair: Represents a widely known idea or activity, such as a field trip, with minimal innovation or uniqueness
3 Average: Tech-based or hands-on initiative, incorporating some creativity or engagement
4 Good: Concept is unfamiliar or rarely implemented, demonstrates significant effort to introduce new or unique approaches
5 Excellent: Highly innovative and impactful, showcasing creative problem-solving and new perspectives

Evaluation

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1 Poor
2 Fair
3 Average
4 Good
5 Excellent