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Teacher Grant Funding Criteria: 2026-2027



Teacher Grants from the Weld RE-4 Education Foundation

The Education Foundation exists to spark innovation and creativity in our classrooms by equipping teachers with the tools they need to support every student. We will accept grant requests from traditional public schools within the Weld RE-4 School District to fund tools, programs, projects and learning that is not funded through typical school budgets.

Before applying, please review the below funding criteria and deadlines for the upcoming grant cycle. Teacher grants are available once or twice a year depending of funds, first deadline is September 18 for the 2026-2027 school year. *If funds remain, the Foundation may open a second grant cycle.

- Submit the online "Intent to Apply," form to receive initial feedback on your grant proposal. This is optional and only takes a few minutes to complete.
- Submit your final grant application to kelly.moll@weldre4.org.

☒ **The Foundation does consider grants for educational tools and innovative activities that enhance classroom learning, including but not limited to:**

- Technology, Computer Science, Coding
- Equipment and materials for Fine Arts & Design, Music, Industrial Arts, Video & Production
- Tools that promote leadership and careers in STEM, Business, and Technology of Agriculture
- Engineering and Robotics
- Literacy and Reading Programs
- Interventions and Sensory Tools

☒ **The Foundation does not consider grants for:**

- Curriculum not supported at the district level
- Technology not supported at the district level
- Field Trips
- Speaker Fees
- T-shirts, clothing, theatre costumes
- Athletics and band uniforms
- Furniture (except when proposed purchase is directly tied to student learning, supports creativity, and includes a cash match. Bookshelves are not considered)
- Capital improvements to schools or building repairs
- Food, Lodging and Entertainment
- Airline Tickets (local travel for gas, bus drivers, etc. may be acceptable in some requests)
- After Prom Programs
- Staffing or extra duty contracts
- Activities or equipment that don't have a connection to benefiting students in the classroom

Clarifications on Fundraising Activities and Grants:

- *If funds remain, The Foundation may open a second or third grant cycle, potentially including opportunities for professional development. For professional development (PD) grants to be considered in the 2026-2027 school year the request must:
 - Not include food, lodging, or airline tickets (local travel for gas, bus drivers, etc. is acceptable)
 - Include a funding match.
 - Grants that include a Train the Trainer concept will be prioritized to ensure that the training and educational information received reaches the maximum number of educators and administrators in the district.
- The Foundation's criteria for Teacher Grants may differ from the activities and experiences that the Foundation raises funds for during annual fundraising events.
- The Teacher Grants outlined above differ from Student Grants. Student Grants are up to \$500, must have the support of a staff advisor, and the student applicant(s), group, or club must be located at SMS, RMS, SHS, WMS, or WHS.
- Examples of Teacher Grants awarded in the past can be found at <https://www.weldre4educationfoundation.com/teacher-grant-awards>

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