GUIDELINES

Purpose: Innovative teacher grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, and reward innovative programs and activities that support district goals.

Definition of Innovative: New ideas, creative thinking, featuring new methods or devices.

Eligibility: Any individuals or teams of individuals employed by SISD are eligible to apply for grants. Grant awards will be announced in August 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Grant Applications: Applications must be filled out and submitted electronically. Applications should be concise but thorough.

Selection Criteria: While you are preparing your grant please keep in mind the following:

1. How does the proposal address a creative or innovative approach to the accomplishment of the objective?
2. How does the proposal address one or more of the district goals?
3. Is it supported by research?
4. Does it support a unique approach to educating and help to create a motivating and engaging platform for learning?
5. Is the proposal clear and logical?

AWARD OF FUNDS:

Last year the Stephenville Education Foundation awarded just over $30,000.00 in grants. Grants will be awarded to teacher-initiated programs or projects for the 2022-2023 school year. All request will be considered by the SEF's Board of Directors. Grants awarded are to remain at the designated campus named in the grant application.

• Grants of up to $3000 will be awarded for a program or project initiated by a single individual or a grade level or department.

• Grants of up to $5000 will be awarded for a campus-initiated or district initiated program or project.

Due Date:

All submitted proposals will be routed for approval to the campus principal, technology director, and curriculum director. Applications will be reviewed and considered by the Foundation Board in April 2022. Deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, April 1, 2022.

Selection Process:

1. Forms must be submitted electronically
2. Teacher initiated applications will be reviewed and approved by the campus principal, technology director and curriculum direction for congruence with campus and district programs.
3. Approved applications are due no later than Friday, April 1, 2022.
4. For each grant submitted, the Foundation shall make one of the following recommendations: (a) approval, (b) approval with conditions of modifications, (c) disapproval with suggestions for re-submission, and/or (d) disapproval.
5. If approved by the SEF Board of Directors, the application will be funded and the SISD Board of Trustees will be informed.

Responsibilities of the Grant Recipients:

• Use the awards for the purpose stated
• Grant recipients must prepare a brief final report and evaluation form to be turned into the foundation office no later than March 4, 2022.
• Agree to share successful procedures in staff development sessions