



## SPRINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2024 FALL GRANT GUIDELINES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Thank you for your interest in the Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation grants program. SPSEF grants are designed to provide funding for projects that increase learning opportunities for students and reward the creative initiative of teachers. SPSEF grants are funded by generous contributions of the Springdale Public Schools employees who support the Foundation via a district payroll deduction, donations from private individuals, and contributions from corporate partners. SPSEF's mission is to promote and support excellence in education. One of the ways in which we accomplish this is by attracting private and philanthropic funds to sustain and expand educational programs that fall outside the Springdale Public Schools normal operating budget.

### **GUIDELINES:**

The Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation Board of Directors is made up of members of the community. The grant committee is comprised of educators, business professionals, and other community members.

**SPSEF will accept grant requests for any amount up to a maximum of \$2,000 for the any grant. Historically, grant requests have been divided into three categories: a \$1,500 Foundation grant, a \$2,000 Teeta Rollins grant to fund a literacy-related program/project, or a \$2,000 United Federal Credit Union grant to fund a STEAM related project. In lieu of these categories, all grants will now be scored together for a \$2,000 award. Individuals may only submit one (1) grant request.** Grants will be awarded based on the quality and originality of the projects/programs. Teachers who apply may be asked to explain their project/program to the Directors prior to the awarding of the grant. Grant moneys will be distributed and coordinated by SPSEF.

The Foundation will not be responsible for applications that are received after December 1, 2024. Grant awards will be announced on the Foundation Facebook page and on the Foundation Website on December 16, 2024. Grant recipients may be asked to attend a School Board meeting to be recognized as a recipient. All grant funds will be available on December 20, 2024 and must be expended or returned to the Foundation no later than November 1, 2025. Instructions for grant payment will be made available to grant recipients upon award notification. All grantees will be responsible for completing a Final Grant Report Form and returning it to the Foundation by December 1, 2025.

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## CRITERIA:

1. Qualified educators and grant applicants include teachers, administrators, and other school professionals in the Springdale Public Schools.
2. Applications must be completed in full to be considered for funding.
3. Projects should coincide with the goals and curriculum objectives of the Springdale Public Schools.
4. SPSEF shall fund only those projects that augment and enrich the curriculum and do not supplant programs traditionally funded by the school district, state, or federal budgets.
5. Projects should demonstrate sustainability, where applicable.
6. Projects must delineate clear, well-defined goals, sound educational values and represent the applicant's original thoughts.
7. Grant recipients must agree to acknowledge the support of the Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation in any printed material or presentations.
8. If for any reason a grant recipient is unable to administer the approved project, the grant recipient will return all allocated funds to the Foundation.
9. No funds will be awarded for multiple applications from an individual school to fund an entire program, or multiple requests from any one individual.
10. The Foundation will not fund grant requests that exceed the \$2,000 dollar limit for any individual grant request.
11. Supplemental classroom materials and pre-packaged kits are acceptable; however, preference will be given to grants that demonstrate creative and effective implementation and inspire students to learn.
12. Grants that relate to Literacy and STEAM, technical fields, agriculture, food safety, environment, or projects/programs that directly benefit large numbers of students will be given preference.
13. A detailed itemization of all costs and materials is required.
14. All grant awards will be announced on the Foundation Facebook page and on the Foundation Website.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact:

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