

INTRODUCTION:

Thanks for jumping into the fun with the Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation's **Grant-Together** event! This isn't your average fundraiser—it's a spirited showdown where schools rally their supporters to see who can raise the most for their grant. Think teamwork, friendly rivalry, and a whole lot of community pride—all to help teachers and schools bring great ideas to life!

The event will take place on December 10th at The Odd Soul from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.! Thanks to our sponsor, United Federal Credit Union, guests 21 and over can enjoy free drinks while the \$500 tab lasts.

On December 2, 2025, the SPSEF Grant Committee will pick **two lucky grant applications** to join the Grant-Together Event! 🎉 Each school is encouraged to rally their community, spread the word about their grant, and bring as many supporters as possible to cheer them on and boost their chances. Let the friendly competition begin! 🏆

Beginning on Friday, December 5th, schools will be able to make online donations via PayPal, Venmo, and credit card through the foundation's website (spsef.org). The amount raised by each school will be included in its total amount raised for the event.

On the day of the event (**December 10th**) all in-person donations made from 4:30 – 6:30 will be included in each school's total.

When the Grant-Together ends, we'll tally the total raised by each school. The school with the highest total **takes it all**—the full grant funding goes to them! The winner will be revealed at 9:00 pm on December 10th. The other grant will be eligible for SPSEF's regular grant cycle.

GUIDELINES:

SPSEF grants are designed to provide funding for projects that increase learning opportunities for students and reward the creative initiative of teachers.

- Schools can request up to **\$2,000** for their project.
- **Grant applications are due December 1, 2025.**
- Even if your project isn't selected for Grant-Together, it will still be considered during the **regular Fall Grant Cycle.**
- **Winners announced:** December 10, 2025 (on Social Media and the SPSEF website).

- **Funds available:** December 15, 2025.
- **Funds must be used or returned by:** November 1, 2026.
- **Final report due:** November 30, 2026.

Grant recipients might be asked to attend a School Board meeting for recognition.

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.

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-Together** requests that exceed the \$2,000 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, 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.

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