



Online Great Idea Grant Instructions

The Sioux City Public Schools Foundation will award funds to staff members who submit successful applications for innovative and creative educational projects for the 2019-2020 school year. Priority funding will be given to projects which:

- Develop and introduce programs or projects that implement an innovative approach;
- Result in increased student achievement;
- Align with district standards and benchmarks and the school building's improvement plan.

Deadline for grant application: November 25, 2019 11:59PM

Who can apply?

All faculty, including all certified teachers, principals and assistant principals, guidance counselors, social workers and media specialists, and after-school site directors in grades PreK-12 employed by Sioux City Community Schools are eligible to apply for a Great Ideas grant. Joint applications from multiple teachers, and/or from more than one school, are encouraged and accepted, however, one person must be identified as the lead applicant.

How much will be awarded?

The maximum amount awarded to any one application is \$5,000 with a minimum award request of \$500. Projects are funded for one year only, ongoing costs are not eligible for funding.

How to apply:

- 1) Review guidelines and criteria below before submitting your proposal.
- 2) Complete the application following the grant guidelines. We require an authorized principal/superintendent signature, per school board policy 680.10 AR, please upload a written authorization with your project name and description with his/her signature.
 - ***As a best practice it is recommended that answers are put into a Word document then copy and paste into the application to prevent loss of work.***
- 3) You will receive confirmation, via email, upon receipt of your application.

Award Notification:

The Sioux City Public Schools Foundation will notify applicants of Great Ideas Grants for the 2018-2019 academic year no later than the first week of December. Recipients and principals will be notified by email with grant fulfillment expectations.

NOTE: All projects will adhere to the Sioux City Community School District's ownership of equipment policy.

Priority Funding given to programs with:

- ✓ Clear support for building goals
- ✓ Focus on the district strategic plan
- ✓ Direct benefit for students through innovative methods
- ✓ Ongoing benefits to the building or program
- ✓ Supplemental state and local funding

Funding exclusions:

- Travel expenses
- Food
- Staffing Salaries & benefits
- Admission fees / field trips
- Speaker honorariums
- Training/conference/professional development expenses
- Awards/medals
- iPads
- T-shirts
- Substitute teacher expense
- Non-supported curricula