



CHANDLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

What is the 100% Awareness Teachers' Grant?

The Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) awards a limited number of 100% Awareness Teacher Mini-Grants for special projects to teachers and staff in the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) who want to develop new ideas to enrich the educational experience. The mini-grants are awarded to staff who would not otherwise have sources of funding or who would have to use their own money to support the project. Any teacher in the Chandler Unified School District may apply for a mini-grant from the 100% Awareness Teachers' Grant Fund. All classroom aides and other classified employees in the district are encouraged to apply for mini-grants to fund projects in their specialized areas.

What is the Chandler Education Foundation?

The Chandler Education Foundation is the 501(c)3 partner of CUSD dedicated to excellence in education for Chandler. The Foundation has been established to support and raise public awareness of the importance and value of education. Resources are directed to school improvement projects and used to enrich educational programs and activities for students and staff.

Who Supports the 100% Awareness Teachers' Grant?

The 100% Awareness Teacher Mini-Grants are supported through CEF's annual 100% Awareness Campaign. This campaign asks the community, through our local schools, for small donations to show support for education.

How are Teacher Grant Applications Evaluated?

- ❖ Teacher mini-grants are intended to fund programs and materials that directly benefit the students and are not otherwise supported by school or district budgets.
- ❖ A panel of educators, parents, and Foundation board members will review all applications, evaluating for benefit to all students, creativity and clarity.
- ❖ The project should support the Foundations' goals of promoting academic achievement and enriching educational experiences.
- ❖ The project should directly involve students and provide for critical and/or creative thinking for the students involved.
- ❖ The project should be innovative in its use of materials and/or classroom activities, and should show evidence of creative thinking on the part of the applicant while matching District objectives.
- ❖ The level of funding should be cost effective and appropriate to the needs of the project. Grants will be awarded for projects that would not otherwise be paid for by the District. Materials available at the I.R.C. should not be included in grant requests. Requests for items available through other district funding sources will not be evaluated (technology equipment, musical instruments, etc.).
- ❖ Field trips, materials, personal honoraria, prizes or equipment must be an integral part and necessary component of a proposed project.
- ❖ Funds will not be allocated to hire substitute teachers or other staff.

How Will the Funded Projects Be Monitored?

The Chandler Education Foundation will monitor each project. CEF reserves the right to observe and photograph projects for the purpose of further publicizing the teacher mini-grants. Mini-grant recipients may be asked to submit a short written project summary and budget expenditure report upon project completion. Grant money must be used **ONLY** for the approved project and is subject to periodic audit.

All requests for grant funds must be received at the CEF office by April 9, 2010.

Please note there is a district approval process for all software purchases. If the software is not on the approved list, your project will not be evaluated. Please see your site tech for a listing of district-approved software.