

Learning Enhancement Grants 2017-2018

Application Information and Instructions

To: Learning Enhancement Grant Applicants

From: Learning Enhancement Grant Committee

RE: Grant Application Process

We appreciate your interest in the Learning Enhancement Grant Program. This is sponsored by the Valdosta Junior Service League to provide grants of up to \$250.00 for individual teachers to initiate programs, which supplement their classroom curriculum. This program is available to K-12 teachers in the Lowndes and Valdosta School Systems and in the private schools in Valdosta. Teachers applying for the grants should carefully read and comply with the following guidelines or the grant will not be deemed acceptable for judging:

1. The committee considers three (3) factors in evaluating the application:
 - **CREATIVITY-** Does the project provide a unique and/or creative approach to learning that is different than the everyday experiences in most classrooms?
 - **POTENTIAL TO ENHANCE LEARNING-** How will the project directing impact and enhance specific learning goals?
 - **EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS-** Is there a clear, efficient plan for the use of each dollar?
2. The teacher submitting the application must be a classroom teacher who is in daily contact with those students participating in the project. Applications must be submitted by individual teachers, not as a group.
3. Applications will be reviewed anonymously by a four (4) member Review Committee consisting of professional representatives and educators from the community.

4. To apply for a grant, complete the attached application and return one (1) copy of the cover page and five (5) copies of the grant application. Please note that the name of the grant applicant as well as your prospective school is not to be listed anywhere on the application. This would prevent a blind judging process and disqualify the application.

5. All applications must be submitted typed (preferably) or legibly handwritten. Do not attach additional pages. The application is available on our website at <http://www.vjssl.org> . It is a Microsoft Word document on which answers can be typed and printed.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES CONSTITUTES AN APPLICATION UNACCEPTABLE FOR JUDGING.

Applications must be post marked by August 28. We cannot consider funding any application that has not been post marked by August 28 for any reason. It is recommended that you submit your application by mail, using adequate postage. The mailing address is:

VJSL Learning Enhancement Grant Program
c/o Melanie Coile
4801 McAllister Street
Valdosta, GA 31605

The winning projects should be implemented by **April 2018**. They will be reviewed by a member of the Learning Enhancement Grant Committee during this time.

****APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 25**

****GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED BY OCTOBER 10th**

Thank you for your interest in the Learning Enhancement Grant Program.

For more information, feel free to contact:

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