Grant Application Guideline 2026-27

Purpose:

The Peaster Education Foundation Grants Application Program is designed to encourage, facilitate and fund creative and innovative projects to enrich or expand instructional opportunities for students within the Peaster Independent School District.

Persons Eligible to Apply for Grants:

Individual teachers or teams within the Peaster Independent School District who are involved directly in the instruction of students or related support services may apply for a grant from the Peaster Education Foundation.

- Grants of up to $2,000 will be awarded to individual teacher-initiated programs or projects. Teachers can team up with other teachers to apply for larger grants as well. Each teacher is eligible for $2,000 so if you have 4 teachers team up, you can request a grant worth $8,000! Note that each teacher can only apply and/or be a part of ONE grant per year.
- Grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded to campuses and district -initiated programs or projects.

Application Timeline:

Grant applications are accepted from November 20, 2026 to February 19, 2027. All signatures and forms must be submitted before the deadline. Recipients will be notified by the last week of April after the fundraising event if their grant was approved so supplies can be ordered by June 30th, 2027.

Deadline:

Emailed applications must be received by Friday, February 19, 2027 by 4:00p.m. to be considered for the 2026/27 Grant Awards.

Format:

All applications must be submitted online at www.PeasterEf.org. A budget page must be attached with the proposal. Documents are under the Grant tab links on the Peaster Education website.

- Detailed descriptions of the proposed project, its innovative, creative and engaging impact for students. Remember your audience knows nothing about the program you are requesting $$ for.
- How the project fits in with approved curriculum guidelines.

- How the classroom instruction will be affected with the grant and the deficit in the classroom without.
- Student population that will be affected and how many students will be impacted if implemented.
- What items need to be purchased to make the program successful.
- Photos, website or other resources to help present the need of the project or program.
- Budget Page will need to be taken with the request to the secretary to update
- Timeline of how the project will be implemented over the next 12 months.
- All appropriate signatures. Grant requests without signatures will not be considered.

Selection Criteria:

- The degree to which the proposal affects students learning in a creative or innovative manner that fits in with the campus or district plan and curriculum guidelines.
- The degree to which the proposal has a sound evaluation procedure to measure the impact on student performance.
- The degree to which the proposal has a clear plan for implementation.
- The degree to which the proposal is clear and logical and makes an impact that will improve the overall student experience.

Selection Process:

1. A link to the 2025/26 Grant Application Google form is posted to the Peaster Education Foundation Website. www.Peasteref.org and budget sheet to be completed and returned.
2. The Grant Application Review Committee will meet following the application deadline to review all applications. This committee consists of the following members:
    a. Peaster Education Foundation Board Members. The Applicants' name and campus details will not be disclosed.
3. The Grant Review committee will submit recommendations for the awards to the Education Foundation Board. Once reviewed and voted upon, all grant applications will receive a response for each grant submitted by the end of the school year.
4. The number and amounts of grants funded will depend on the total funds collected during the Peaster Education Foundation's fundraiser from the 25/26 school year.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients:

1. Use the awards for the purpose(s) intended.
2. Agree to share the success of the project and potential photos during the project.
3. Once grants are awarded, the purchases need to be made asap and received before June 30, 2026 to the secretary at each campus according to the detailed ordering instructions that are given on the day of award.
4. If the Grant recipient is leaving the district or changing grade level, The Peaster Education Foundation must be notified. . In cases where teachers or individuals transfer to a different

grade level or campus, the grant funded will remain at the original campus and grade level.unless approved by majority vote of the Education Foundation and Peaster ISD.

Guidelines for submitting an application:

The project or proposal is appropriate if you can answer YES to the following questions:

- Is it creative and innovative and will increase student engagement?
- Is it designed to enrich or improve the student groups?
- Is it clear, concise and practical?
- Would this project help facilitate excitement and creativity for their school year?
- Are the materials or items needed for the grant application readily available and within budget?
- Is this program within the scope of approved curriculum guidelines?
- Is this program something that can be added to the instructional day or school year based on time available?
- Have you had success with this project or have heard from your peer groups prior and think that it is a must have for your classroom?

Tips for Submitting a Successful Application:

- Inform the Education Foundation members how you believe these projects funds will change learning in your classroom.
- Inform the Education Foundation members what the outcome you would expect if this project were funded.
- Be precise and clear about what you want and why you want to bring this project to your classroom.
- Use Vendors that are in the US.
- Use weblinks and pictures to show the item and what you want to purchase and potentially reviews from others who have used it.
- Figure how you will measure if the project was successful and give feedback to the Education Foundation. Invite the Foundation to be part of the program and see it in action.
- Make sure the amount you are requesting adds up. Include shipping/Delivery charges. All purchases under these grants become property of the Peaster Independent School District. Any unused funds revert to the Peaster Education Foundation.
- Get creative and remember that presentment and details are what help create the hype for your ask!

Budget:

- Be specific when completing the budget page.
- Use current pricing as noted on any estimates or proposals from vendors. If you have documentation about pricing, please include this with your proposal. Any IT items, check with the IT department for proper ISD pricing.
- Be sure to include installation costs and delivery costs.
- Make sure the total cost on the budget page is the same as the amount of funding listed throughout the grant application.

Please make note:

The Peaster Education Foundation does not fund:

- Facility Improvements
- Salaries
- Continuing education for teachers
- Items for a student's IEP
- Furniture/Printers
- Airfare and hotel accommodations
- Typical grade level field trips
- Requests for food
- Items that are already in the Peaster ISD budget
- Subscriptions for periods beyond year one. All items with annual subscriptions will require the ISD to approve the annual subscription.
- Mac based program asks will not be accepted unless the Peaster Education Foundation previously provided the Mac supplies for the program.

For any questions on the process, documents please contact the following Peaster Education Foundation members:

We are here to help and make this process simple and rewarding!

Please make sure to make the subject of your email Peaster Education Grant Assistance

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