



CHANDLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ENRICHMENT GRANT APPLICATION FAQ

What is the 100% Awareness Enrichment Grant?

The Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) awards a limited number of 100% Awareness Teacher Enrichment 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 enrichment 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 staff member in the Chandler Unified School District may apply for one enrichment grant from the 100% Awareness Campaign proceeds. All classroom aides and other classified employees in the district may also apply for an enrichment grant. Principals are also encouraged to apply for a \$1,200 school-wide grant.

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 Enrichment 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. **During the 2016-2017 school year, the Foundation was able to award over \$63,838 in teacher and school enrichment grants!**

How are Enrichment Grant applications evaluated?

- Teacher enrichment 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 Foundation's 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 content standards.
- 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.
- 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 enrichment grants. Enrichment 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 payments must be received at the CEF office by April 6, 2018.

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.