BIG IDEA TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility for the Teacher Grant Program is easy! Each applicant must be an active OECU member in good standing* and employed at any Oklahoma K-12 institution and/or school district.

Visit *accountopening.oecu.com* to become a member today!

Selection Criteria

Our grants are not limited to any school district, grade level, or subject matter! When submitting your grant application, it is essential to show your work! Give us all the details – be specific; information to be considered includes, but is not limited to: the reason for the project, clearly stated goals, whether or not the funds will provide reusable materials; are matching funds are available; how broad of a group of students will the funding benefit; and of course, OECU membership. All decisions made by the Teacher Grant Committee are final.

Awarding Grants

OECU understands that sometimes the most minor things have the biggest impact, which is why OECU has kept the tradition of awarding grants for a variety of helpful purposes including funding the purchase of classroom equipment, teaching materials, and other classroom necessities.

However, OECU will not award funds for furniture; field trips; electronic equipment for one-person use; magazine subscriptions; software subscriptions; or supplies that are typically provided by the school.

Members are eligible to receive one or more grants of up to $750.00 from the credit union per calendar year.

This means if a member's initial grant request is approved for less than the $750.00 limit, they can submit one or more grants in the same calendar year until the aggregate of approved and awarded funds reaches the $750.00 annual limit.

The Teacher Grant committee will determine who will and will not receive grants every month. Not all applicants will receive the funds requested.

If your Big Idea is selected, we will notify you via letter or e-mail.

Member Information

Are you a member with OECU? ☐ Yes ☐ No How long have you been a member with us?_____

Name _____

Member # _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mobile Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

Email _____

Date of Application _____

Which OECU products do you use? (Check all that may apply)

- ☐ Easy Checking
- ☐ Fresh Start Checking
- ☐ Platinum Checking
- ☐ Student Checking
- ☐ Rewards Checking
- ☐ Home Equity Line Of Credit
- ☐ Visa® Credit Card
- ☐ Money Market Account
- ☐ Online Banking
- ☐ Mobile Banking
- ☐ Regular Savings Account
- ☐ IRA Savings Account
- ☐ Direct Deposit
- ☐ Bill Pay
- ☐ Share Certificate Account
- ☐ Auto Loan
- ☐ eStatements
- ☐ Other _____

School Information

School Name _____ District _____

School Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Position _____ Grade Taught _____

Principal _____ Email _____

Superintendent _____ Email _____

Grant Information

Amount Requested _____

Brief Summary of Grant Request _____

What are your goals? _____

Who and how many will be affected? _____

When are the funds needed, and when will the project be completed? _____

Detail Your Grant Budget Request (You can also attach all the costs related to your grant project) _____

Matching Funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, where are the matching funds coming from? _____

If you are awarded a grant, we will send a press release to the local media. Do we have your permissions to do so?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, where would you like it sent? _____

Terms and Conditions

I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements on this application shall be grounds for disqualification. I authorize the verification of all statements contained herein. Applicants must be employed by an Oklahoma educational institution/district. The applicant's school employment status may be verified. Not all applicants will receive funds.

☐ I agree to the terms and conditions listed above.

I understand OECU's Big Idea grant program IS for innovative classroom projects. I understand that OECU prioritizes innovative classroom funding that will affect large numbers of students for numerous years. Examples of OECU's program projects funded include:

- Educator who planned to plant a vegetable garden to show the lifecycle of food production. Students participated in planting, caring for, cultivating, and ultimately preparing food.
- Educator who planned to turn their classroom into an active geographical site to help students better understand how a volcano works.
- Educator who planned to launch a media program for students to get hands-on experience creating and producing their own podcasts.
- Educator who planned to launch a sewing program to teach students the fundamentals of sewing and give them hand-on experience learning a practical craft.

☐ I have read and understand what OECU's Big Idea Teacher Grant Program IS for.

I understand OECU's Big Idea grant program is NOT for field trips, snacks, general classroom supplies, shirts, hygiene products, staff appreciation events, classroom furniture, classroom computers, laptops, printers, copy machines, chargers, headphones, rugs, fund raising supplies, instruments, gym equipment, staff training funds, or other equipment or supplies.[1]

☐ I have read and understand what OECU's Big Idea Teacher Grant Program is NOT for.

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Applicant's Signature *Today's Date*

Once this form is completed, return it to any OECU Branch or mail to:
Oklahoma Educations Credit Union
ATTN: Marketing
PO Box 22222, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

*****Loans and shares are current and up to date. [1]Grant selection criteria subject to change without notice.*