



2017 Mini-Grants to Teachers

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) is offering Mini-Grants to Teachers in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties. These Mini-Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to teachers who need financial assistance with special projects, materials, or classroom resources. Our Partners in Philanthropy, joined by individual donors committed to enhancing the quality of life in the Eastern Panhandle, have pledged more than \$30,000 in total. Deadline for applying is October 16th.

The Need

More and more, teachers are faced with the challenge of keeping children interested and engaged with few resources beyond the basics. In its first couple years, the Mini-Grants to Teachers program awarded grants to fund classroom book sets, a giant abacus, Speed Stackers, Rekenreks, an Autism Cafe, K'NEX building sets, sheet music, Lego Mindstorm kits, pedometers, Apple TVs, pBone instruments, a projector, wood chisels, an alto flute, eBooks, a couple of robots, art supplies, a river tank system, digital cameras, calculators, graphic tablets, and much more. This year, Mini-Grants will be awarded to teachers who have a burning desire to improve the classroom experience for their students, and the ability to inspire the members of our grants committee to support your efforts.

How Does It Work?

Through a simple one-page application, PreK-12 public school teachers in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties can apply for a grant of up to \$500.

The objective is to encourage and support teachers who have great ideas that will enhance the learning experience for students. Mini-Grants can be used to purchase supplies and materials for special projects; provide resources for the classroom; and support projects and programs that are not covered by school budgets or other means.

All grant recipients are expected to report on the expenditure of grant funds and results of the supported project by the end of the school year (June 2018).

Who Can Apply?

All Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan County public school PreK-12 teachers are invited to apply. Public schools are defined as being supported by public funds and are part of the free public education system. Any school that charges tuition to students is NOT eligible.

Deadlines and Instructions

All grant applications must be received between **September 1st and October 16th** to be considered. Grant applications may be emailed to: info@ewvcf.org, faxed to: 888-507-8375, or mailed to:

*Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation
229 E. Martin Street, Suite 4
Martinsburg, WV 25401*

Should your grant application be approved, you will be notified by mail and/or email that you are being awarded a mini-grant, and invited to attend an event in late November. If you have any questions, please call 304-264-0353, or email info@EWVCF.org.



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Application Form

(save this application to your computer PRIOR to filling it out, otherwise it will appear blank when we open it)

TEACHER Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Grade Level: _____ Subject Area: _____

SCHOOL Information

School Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: Jefferson___ Berkeley___ Morgan___

Principal Name: _____ Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: _____ Amount Requested: \$ _____

Number of Students Affected: _____ Have you applied to any other funding sources for this project? _____

Brief Project Description: Please include how this project will impact students; promote creative teaching and/or classroom experiences. Please also include a brief budget summary listing specific materials/expenses; make sure they add up to the amount you requested, unless other funding sources are involved and elaborate if that is the case.