

Blanco Education Foundation Grant Overview

Purpose: The Blanco Education Foundation (BEF) is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize, and reward innovative instructional approaches that impact a significant number of students and improve student achievement.

Eligible Proposals: The proposed work should engage students in innovative instruction. Individual Blanco ISD employees and/or teams of employees who are involved in the direct or indirect instruction of students are eligible.

Eligible proposals must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Support TEKS-based curriculum
- ❖ Align with one or more of the Blanco ISD district goals
- ❖ Be creative and innovative in nature
- ❖ Provide educational enhancement

In addition, all equipment and technology requested must be review by the BISD technology department, and each application must be reviewed and approved by your campus principal.

Awards: Awards not to exceed \$3,000 each. Number of funded grants will be based on funds generated

Selection Process:

- ❖ Complete and signed application with necessary details is due by 4 pm on Monday, February 17, 2020—late applications will NOT be considered. Application forms are available at each campus, central office, special education office, and on the Blanco ISD website.
- ❖ Blind applications will be reviewed for grant compliancy and forwarded to the BEF board
- ❖ The BEF board will review each eligible blind application and select winners based on the following criteria:
 - Grant Description
 - Budget Plan
 - Connection to Blanco ISD Mission Statement and Goals
 - Evaluation Plan
 - Special considerations:
 - Innovative and creative in nature
 - Sustainability
 - Parent/Community involvement
 - **If asking for permanent equipment, explain how you will obtain consumable supplies in the future to ensure continued use of equipment.**
- ❖ The grant may **NOT** fund:
 - Programs, materials, supplies, etc. previously purchased through local and federal monies
 - Special events: festivals, banquets, concerts, etc.
 - Sports teams, athletic events, or other extracurricular activities
 - Travel-related events: field trips, tours, etc.
 - Institutional overhead and/or indirect cost: salaries, stipends, labor costs

Notification and Implementation:

- ❖ The Blanco Education Foundation “Prize Patrol” will notify winners of a grant no later the last instructional day of the school year.
- ❖ Implementation will begin no earlier than June 1, 2019 and end by May 30, 2020.
- ❖ All obligations of funds, including goods and services, must occur within these dates.
- ❖ Recipients are required to present a grant evaluation to the BEF Board describing its impact on instruction and student achievement