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Grant Writing Tips

Write a Proposal... Get a Grant



*Help make SME an even
better place for students to
learn and teachers to teach*

You have great ideas.

Get funds to put them into
action!

*The East Fund is here
to support you!*

(Shawnee Mission East Educational
Excellence Fund)

Why write a proposal?



The East Fund projects may lead to bigger grants

- Incorporate creative ideas into your teaching
- Expand your possibilities
- Showcase your talent
- Collaborate with colleagues
- Share new ideas and methods
- Develop professional Skills
- Get professional recognition

**Deadlines: March 1, 2007
October 2007**

Who else grants money for SME education projects?

- PTA offers Instructional Grants (\$) for SME faculty and administrators
- District offers Shawnee Mission Education Fund Grants (\$\$) for faculty, administrators, students, parents
- Regional and National agencies (NSF, NEH, NASA, other) offer grants (\$\$\$)

It's easier than you think to write a proposal

Before you begin, seek help or partners to strengthen your proposal. **First, start** by matching your idea with one or more of The East Fund investment priorities:

- 1) **student programs**
- 2) **professional development**
- 3) **technology**

Then, go to www.theeastfund.org for the **two-page** grant application (and suggestions for completing it successfully).

The **APPLICATION COVER** page requests your contact information and **STATEMENT OF NEED**, including who will benefit, how many students/others will benefit, and how much money is needed.

The **GRANT APPLICATION** asks for these:

1. **PROJECT SUMMARY** - Clearly describe the project and explain your idea
2. **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** - Describe the project goals and objectives in measurable terms
3. **PLAN OF ACTION** - State the method you will use to accomplish the objectives, including a timeline
4. **EVALUATION** - Explain how you will measure the results and impact of your project
5. **BUDGET** - Clearly delineate costs anticipated to accomplish your project. If the program will continue & need funding after the grant, state the funding source

Tips

- Check that your ideas match the East Fund goals (see The East Fund web site / application)
- Ask the Grant Writing & Support Committee for assistance
- Ask a colleague to edit and proofread your proposal
- Mention similar efforts and your collaboration (if any)
- Mention volunteers, donations, and in kind services (if applicable)
- State your/team accomplishments, qualifications & successes
- Anticipate problems and how you will address them
- Match the budget costs to the scope of the project
- State the curriculum objectives and educational standards met by the project



Don't give up on a good idea.

The East Fund will help you develop it.