



JOURDANTON

Education Foundation

Innovative Teaching Grants Application Packet Fall 2026



**FALL SEMESTER 2026
JOURDANTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Innovative Teaching Grants
Timeline**

- August 3, 2026** Fall Grant Applications Available Online at JISD and JEF Websites
- September 3, 2026** **Grant Application Due to JISD Principals by noon for Review (applications not submitted to principals on or before this date will not be accepted)**
- September 10, 2026** Completed Applications due to Administration Office by noon
- September 17, 2026** Applications due to JEF by noon
- September 30, 2026** Grant scoring due from Grant Selection Committee
Grant Selection Committee Meeting to Finalize Grant Recipient Recommendations
- October 7, 2026** Education Foundation Board of Directors Vote
Finalize Grant Recipient Recommendations
- October 12, 2026** School Board Meeting
Finalize Receipt of Restricted Grant Funds for Grant Recommendations
- October 23, 2026** Prize Patrol Party!
- October 30, 2026** **Deadline** for all purchase orders to be submitted to the business office for awarded grants (all purchase orders not submitted by the end of the day will result in the grant being forfeited)
- May 3, 2027** Grant Recipients from Fall of 2026 are requested to provide grant evaluations to JEF

Teaching Grants Instructions and Process

Purpose:

The Jourdanton Education Foundation (JEF) is offering teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for innovative grants to support programs or projects which support higher levels of student learning. The grants must enhance student academic performance and support the objectives, goals, and initiatives of the Jourdanton ISD.

Persons Eligible to Apply for Grants:

Individuals or teams employed by Jourdanton School District who are involved in the instruction of students or related support services benefiting students.

Eligible Proposals:

Instructional approaches or projects designed to begin during the upcoming fall semester, and which meet the selection criteria. Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials, parent involvement programs, or any activity or material which supports higher levels of student academic achievement.

Award of Funds:

Grants of up to **\$2,000** will be awarded to individual teacher initiated programs or projects. Grants of up to **\$4,500** will be awarded to campus teams, departments and district initiated programs or projects. The number of awards granted will depend on funds available from Jourdanton Education Foundation

Application Guidelines:

- **Application forms may be obtained online at www.JourdantonEF.com** or on JISD website
- **Please submit a typed application.**
- Grants are to be used to fund innovative projects that cannot be provided by the school and district budgets.
- Objectives and outcomes should be consistent with the goals of your school and the district.
- ***Grants cannot be used to fund teacher training or travel.***
- When creating your budget, research carefully and be realistic. Small grants are just as likely to be awarded as large grants.
- Projects awarded must be fully implemented by the end of the following semester.
- Teacher initiated applications must be reviewed and signed by the campus principal and Assistant Superintendent or Director of Technology to ensure congruence with campus programs and goals.
- Applications are due no later than the date selected by the JEF Board of Directors.
 - **Submitted to Principal by noon on September 3, 2026**
 - **Reviewed and signed by Principal and given to Administration by noon on September 10, 2026**
 - **Complete packet submitted to JEF by noon on September 17, 2026**

Selection Criteria:

- The degree to which the grant supports the district goals and is specifically designed to address an area of need substantiated by data.
- The degree to which the grant supports new, creative ways of teaching.
- The degree to which student academic performance is emphasized.
- The degree to which sound evaluation procedures are incorporated in the proposal.
- The degree to which the proposal represents a clear approach to the accomplishment of objectives. Funds are not typically available for recurring programs/projects. (The proposal should address a new project as opposed to one accomplished or under way.)
- The degree to which the proposal is clear and logical, including (a) specificity of objectives; (b) clarity of description of instructional procedures, methods or treatments; and (c) correspondence among evaluative procedures, objectives and treatments.

Selection Process:

1. Applicant identity is NOT disclosed to Grant Selection Committee.
2. Recusal policies are in place to eliminate conflict of interest.
3. Applications will be evaluated, scored, and commented on by the Grant Selection Committee.
4. If recommended for approval, the application is presented to the Board of Directors of JEF in summary form for review and formal approval.
5. If approved by the JEF Board of Directors, the application is collectively presented to the Jourdanton School District School Board for formal acceptance of the grant funds.
6. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the date specified by the committee.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients:

- Use the awards for the purposes intended.
- Funds must be expended by the date specified by the committee.
- Project must be fully implemented by the end of following semester after grant is awarded.
- Project evaluation must be submitted upon deadline as requested by JEF.
- Agree to share successful procedures in staff development sessions.
- Provide a letter of appreciation to JEF for future marketing or promotional purposes.

Tips for a Successful Application

Remember Your Audience!!

- Please remember that the Selection Committee is composed of individuals in the community and not all have a teaching background.
- Define abbreviations at least once in the application.

Description of Proposed Project/Activity:

- Provide a summary of what you plan to do with the grant funds and how it will impact learning.

Statement of Need:

- Describe the area of student achievement you wish to address and give any data that supports the need. Please include how this grant addresses district and campus goals.
- Keep the statement simple and straightforward.

Objectives:

- Limit the number of objectives.
- Imply or state evaluation in the statement of objectives.
- Be specific.

Evaluation:

- Relate to stated objectives.
- Indicate how you will know whether the project was successful.

Partners: (If applicable)

- Are there others who will participate in this project? (PTA, Rotary, Lion's Club)
- What will their roles be?

Budget

- Be as specific as possible.
- Provide quotes, estimates, and examples/photos of the requested items.
- List vendors and designate if they are approved or non-approved by JISD.
- Remember to include shipping and handling costs.

Grant Writing Help

- Reach out to fellow teachers, principals and JEF community.
- Previous grant recipients – discuss and review their applications.

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Project Title: _____

Check one: ☐ Individual ☐ Group

Name of Applicant(s)

Signature of Applicant(s)

Grade(s) _____

(List each grade level)

Subject(s) _____

Number of Students _____

(please give estimation)

Amount of Grant \$ _____

Implementation dates: _____

Approval Signatures:

Principal _____ Date _____

Assistant Superintendent _____ Date _____

Director of Technology* _____ Date _____

**Required when funds will be used to purchase technology and/or media equipment.*

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Submitted to Admin on or before September 10, 2026 by noon

Principal Initial _____
Admin Initial _____

(This page will not be seen by the Review Committee)



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Project Title: _____

Check one: ☐ Individual ☐ Group

Grade(s) _____ (List each grade level)

Subject(s) _____

Number of Students _____ (please give estimation)

CHECK ONE: This project is:

☐ new to the district

☐ new to my campus

☐ new to me

CHECK ONE: Have you received funds for this project from JEF previously?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DIRECTIONS: Please provide a summary for each area listed below.

Description of Proposed Project/Activity: (Brief summary of what you plan to do with the grant funds. How will this help provide a creative learning environment?)

Need: (How will this grant improve student learning?)



Objectives: (Describe measurable objectives in terms of student behavior or performance.)

Evaluation Strategy: (How will you determine the success or failure of this program?)

Partners: (Identify any school, parent, and/or community partners involved in the project and their respective roles.) IF APPLICABLE*

Sustainability: (If funded, how will you continue the program/project in the future? What will be the recurring cost? How will this program/project be funded in the future?)

Project Budget

DIRECTIONS: Note the budget distribution for each category. Be specific.

Budget Items	Amount	Vendor (designate if approved or non-approved)	Budget Code Business Office Use
Supplies (please list)			
Equipment			
Contracted Services (list consultants)			
Shipping/Handling			
Other			
TOTAL			

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY IMAGES, COPIES OF QUOTES, ETC TO AID REVIEW PROCESS

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