Innovation Grant Application Form

# **Objective**

Part of the Baldwin-Whitehall Educational Foundation (BWEF) mission is to provide support and recognition of innovative teaching programs, ideas, and methodologies that support the Foundation’s goals of increasing student scores on tests, preparing students for post-high school graduation employment, or furthering the students’ understanding of classroom learning to real world problems or situations. The BWEF invites proposals that support this mission and enhance student learning in the Baldwin Whitehall School District. This grant program is designed to address innovative, high priority needs of the school (or student) to provide funding not fully available through state, federal or district revenues.

The Baldwin-Whitehall Educational Foundation (BWEF) defines *Innovation* as “a new approach, methodology, or instructional application that results in better solutions to classroom requirements, needs, or challenges.”

# **Requirements**

To be considered, applications must:

1. Identify an innovative solution to a classroom requirement, need, or challenge through the use of a new approach, methodology, or instructional application
2. Explain how the innovative solution will aid in one or more of the following:
	1. Increase students’ test scores
	2. Prepare students for post-high school graduation employment
	3. Further students’ understanding of classroom learning to real world problems or situations; or
	4. Another identified classroom goal clearly identified in the application
3. Be adaptable to multiple instructional classroom settings
4. Include any development of new course material
5. Describe any collaboration in teaching/learning between instructors and students

# **Eligibility**

This grant opportunity is open to individuals that are:

1. Licensed school teachers employed by the Baldwin Whitehall School District
2. Guidance counselors, librarians, paraprofessionals, and social workers

# **Process**

All applications must be approved by the building Principal and submitted as an e-mail attachment to Baldwin-Whitehall Educational Foundation Award Committee. The email address is bwef@bwschools.net.

The following materials must be included with the grant application:

1. Completed Innovation Grant Application
2. Application Abstract
3. Grant Application Questions
4. Additional Attachments, if applicable

**NOTE**: The completed Innovation Grant Application must be submitted electronically to bwef@bwschools.net and typed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

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| Grant Application Title: |  |
| Project Director: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| School(s) Involved: |  |
| Personnel Involved: |  |
| Building Principal: |  |
| Project Duration: |  |
| Grade(s) Affected: |  |
| Total Funds Requested: |  |
| Have you attempted to obtain funding for this proposal from other resource(s)? | [ ] Yes [ ]  No |
| If **Yes**, please identify the other resources and their response to your proposal |  |
| Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Abstract**:

Provide a summary that:

1. Identifies how the solution addresses a classroom requirement, need, or challenge through the use of a new approach, methodology, or instructional application.
2. Explains how the new solution will aid in one or more of the following:
	1. Increase students’ test scores.
	2. Prepare students for post-high school graduation employment.
	3. Further students’ understanding of classroom learning to real world problems or situations.
	4. Another identified classroom goal clearly identified in the Grant Application proposal.
3. Describes how your new solution is adaptable to multiple instructional classroom settings.
4. Describes the new course material that will be developed.
5. Explains how the solution will foster collaboration in teaching/learning between instructors and students.

**Grant Application Questions**

Answer the following questions in 1 to 3 sentences each:

1. How do you envision this benefiting your students?
2. What is the innovative nature of this request? BWEF defines Innovation as a new approach, methodology, or instructional application that results in better solutions to classroom requirements, needs, or challenges.
3. How will this improve/enhance your current teaching strategies?
4. How will this renew and energize you professionally?
5. Why is this project worth the investment of your time and BWEF resources?

**Additional Attachments**

Attach any relevant information that you believe would help give the Foundation Grant Review Committee better information on the nature of the proposal.

Examples include:

1. Relevant research materials supporting your proposal
2. Sample curriculum related to your proposal