



# Grants for Great Ideas

a program of the Public Education  
Foundation of Marion County

The Public Education Foundation of Marion County is proud to offer Grants for Great Ideas to fund inspiration and innovation in the classroom during the 2023-2024 school year! Since its beginning in 1987, the Public Education Foundation's **Grants for Great Ideas** program has awarded more than 1,144 to teachers and principals in support of teaching – impacting more than 214,000 students. Over the course of this program, the foundation has given out **\$1,781,103 dollars** in grants directly to our schools.

## Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any MCPS Pre- K through 12 grade classroom or special area teacher
- Teams of teachers
- School administrators working with their campus teachers

## Applications must meet one or more of the following categories:

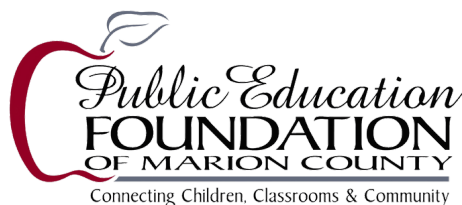
- Assisting Low-Performing Students
- Career/Technical Education
- Literacy
- Increasing graduation rates
- STEM Education
- Supporting Students in Need (including Mental Health & Wellness initiatives)
- Teacher Quality

## How to apply?

- Teachers and/or administrators must log onto [apply.pefmc.org](http://apply.pefmc.org) to utilize the grant portal

## Timeline

- Grants must be completed and submitted online by **September 28th, 2023 at 11:59pm**





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Please review the following information about the program requirements

## **How may the money be spent?**

Because our grant program is partially funded through the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program (administered by the Consortium for Florida Education Foundations), grant money may be spent only on supplies, printing, curriculum, computer software/hardware, etc. Funding will not be approved for food, parties, recognitions, or awards. Projects need to be results-oriented with clearly defined goals.

## **Unallowable Expenditures**

- Food/Beverage/Entertainment
- Support of Interscholastic Athletics
- Capital Improvements
- Decorative Items
- Awards/Incentives
- Fund Raising
- Pre-award costs
- PDAs/Cell Phones
- Repairs and maintenance
- Out-of-state travel
- Overnight Field Trips

## **Allowable Expenditures**

- Classroom Materials
- Local Field Trips
- Educational Experiences
- Professional Development
- Program Supplies
- Computer Software & Hardware
- Other Equipment (not computers)
- Printing
- Tuition/Training/Conferences
- Admission Fees
- Room Rental Fees
- iPads, iPods, Nooks, Kindles

## **What is the accounting procedure?**

A check will be sent directly to your school to be placed in an internal account. The school bookkeeper will provide the Foundation with an Account Activity Report for a mid-year and end of grant report. This serves as proof that funds have been spent on the grant project.

## **How will the winning grants be chosen?**

A committee composed of PEFMC Board Members and/or Community Leaders will review grant applications. Projects are evaluated on their potential benefit to students, the number of students involved, project creativity and innovation, effective use of resources, potential sponsor support and evaluation methods. The review committee will receive blind applications (teacher and school names or references will be removed). This ensures that grant applications are judged on their merit and we avoid potential conflicts of interest.





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## Additional Information on G4GI

### **Items of Interest:**

Please do not identify your name, school or school community when completing the application online except for when specifically asked for that information. Your grant application will be submitted for committee review as a "blind application".

### **Additional information:**

- Awards are granted on a competitive basis
- Please make sure to note the following tips and directions and completely answer all questions during the online submission process
- Pay particular attention to not request funds for a non-allowable expenditures
- If you are requesting technology you must obtain a quote from the school district - School Secretary/Bookkeepers can assist with this
- Check with your school secretary/bookkeeper for a list of approved vendors
- Do not use educational jargon or acronyms in your application as not all grant readers are educators
- Follow all directions and submit the online application on time by September 28th at 11:59pm
- Please make sure you have discussed your grant with your Principal BEFORE submitting the online application to our office. You will be asked to submit your Principals email address so they can electronically verify they are aware of your grant request.
- If awarded a Grants for Great Idea, you will be required to submit evaluation reports, documenting results based on the goals and objectives set forth in the proposal

### **If our grant is awarded, is there any other responsibility other than implementation and evaluation?**

Yes, we ask that awardees document their projects with pictures and/or videos. We also may request selected grantees to deliver a short presentation at one of our Foundation Board of Directors meetings or attend a School Board Meeting.

