

2023 AAGC Educator Grant Application Explanation

Do you have a great idea to implement in your gifted classroom? If so, check out this information on how to apply for an AAGC Educator Grant for Alabama gifted classrooms.

Purpose:

The purpose of the educator grant is to support and encourage Alabama educators of gifted students in the development of innovative ideas and quality programs to enrich the education of gifted students. The grant rewards educators with the money to acquire materials designed appropriately for gifted children. The grant also creates awareness and the importance of exemplary Alabama gifted programs. Grant recipients are expected to write and submit a final report on the outcomes of their grant project at the end of the school year with the grant evaluation form. Grant recipients are also expected to either present during the following year's AAGC Conference or to submit an article for the AAGC newsletter.

Eligibility:

Alabama educators who are AAGC members in good standing with the organization and who teach Alabama gifted students may apply for a grant.

Timeline:

April 5, 2023 - Grant Application Window Opens

September 15, 2023- Grant Application Window Closes

October 2023- Teachers are notified if they have received the grant

How To Enter:

1. Each completed grant application must be sent via email to, **Awards/Contests Chairperson, Tamara Sharpe**, at AAGCawardsandgrants@gmail.com.
2. Each application must follow the grant guidelines listed below.
3. The deadline for the grant applications is **Friday, September 15th at 11:59 PM**.
4. We will acknowledge all applications within one week of receipt or deadline via email; however, we cannot be responsible for applications or responses lost in email.
5. Grants up to \$500 may be submitted, but an exemplary well-written grant for up to \$1000 may possibly be awarded.
6. There is no fee to apply.

Guidelines:

1. Complete all sections of the grant application.
2. Grant applications that are missing any pages of the application will be disqualified.
3. All applications must be typed with a 12 point or larger type.
4. The grant must have a title.
5. Please do not alter the space allocations for each item. Use clear and concise language.
6. If the type is smaller than 12 point or the space allocations have been altered to increase the number of pages in the application, your grant application will be disqualified.
7. Please do NOT include attachments to the application.
8. The use of correct spelling and grammar will be considered. Please be cautious with the use of unexplained abbreviations.
9. The grants are blind reviewed. Therefore, do not include the name of the school, district, or applicant after the first page (signature page) of the grant. Grants that include names of any of the above after the first page will be disqualified.
10. The grants may be used for speaker fees and field experiences, but will not cover the cost of food.
11. Grants need to be a part of a concept-based unit.
12. For additional information, contact **AAGC Awards/Contest Chairperson, Tamara Sharpe**, at AAGCawardsandgrants@gmail.com.

Judging and Selection of Winners:

1. An impartial panel of judges will review all applications. The winning grants will be selected by judges appointed for the purpose by the AAGC. The judges are experts in the field of grant writing and are not AAGC members or board members. Their decision will be final. No further correspondence is necessary.
2. The winning grant entries will be recognized with a grant check presented to the winning gifted educators at the 2023 AAGC Conference in October 2023.