**PLEASE NOTE: This is a working document only. All grant applications must be submitted online through the grant portal.**

**\* Questions with a “\*” are required.**

Please note character limits when creating your responses.

Fund For Excellence in Education Grants 2025/2026

*Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley*

# Grant Request Name\*

Provide a brief descriptive title for this grant request. (60 characters or less)

*Character Limit: 75*

*Fund for Excellence in Education Grant Application*

The purpose of these grants is to recognize the important contributions that teachers make in our community. **Teachers** in grades Pre-K – 12 in public, private/independent, or parochial schools in **Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster County** may apply for support from the program with the exception of specific grants open to public schools only. ***Proposals from Teaching Assistants will be considered only if they are submitted jointly with the classroom teacher. Applications completed by school adminsitrators is discouraged and should only be done in partnership with teachers.***

## Grants made through this program will not exceed $2,500 with the average awards ranging from $1,000 - $1,500.

Brief descriptions of grants awarded in recent years are available in "Recent Awards" on the Foundations' website.

The following grants are available:

1. **General Grants:** Teachers may apply for grants that fulfill one or both of these criteria:
   * Support for classroom projects and initiatives which will improve learning opportunities for students
   * Support for the personal and professional enhancement of teachers ***(not to fulfill Masters program or certification requirements).***
2. **Writing Grant(s):** A grant will be awarded to K-12 teachers for either professional development in the field of teaching writing or for a specific program designed to enhance the writing abilities of students.

## Grants Available to Public Schools Only:

1. **Marionette/Puppet Grant(s):** Grants will be awarded to public school teachers for projects which incorporate student and/or teacher-made marionettes and puppets in the curricula. Preference will be given to multi-cultural or multi-disciplinary projects.
2. **Community Service Grant(s): For** public school teachers for projects involving their students in community service. These community service awards are made from the Dennis Markle Memorial Community Fund. Examples of the type of projects which would be considered for these grants are: projects involving senior citizens, Veterans, hospice, day care, disadvantaged populations, community beautification projects, etc.

# School Type\*

In what category is your school?

## Choices

Public Private/Independent Parochial

# Special Categories\*

All applications are eligible as General Grants. If your request meets the guidelines for one or more of the special grant categories indicate the grant categories here.

***Select all that apply.***

**Choices** General Writing

Marionette/Puppet (Public Schools only) Community Service (Public Schools only)

# Describe Activity\*

State as specifically as possible in what activity you wish to engage, when you wish to perform this activity, and how it will be carried out.

*Character Limit: 2000*

# Teacher Benefit\*

Please specifically describe how this activity will enhance **your personal and professional life as a teacher**. Please do not comment on student or classroom benefits here. This question is specific to how this grant may **enhance your individual teaching experience.**

*Character Limit: 1500*

# Classroom Outcomes\*

Briefly describe the outcomes or results you hope to achieve, including how the project might have a positive impact on your students.

*Character Limit: 1500*

# How many students will be impacted by this grant?\*

*Character Limit: 250*

# Grade level(s) of students\*

*Character Limit: 250*

# Budget Items\*

Please list the items that will be purchased with the grant dollars. (Example: Smartboard, conference registration, honorarium for speaker, art supplies, bus transportation, etc.) Do not indicate the dollar amounts here.

*Character Limit: 500*

# Amount Requested\*

Provide the amount requested for this grant program (may not exceed $2,500).

*Character Limit: 20*

# Grant Budget\*

Please provide a detailed budget including the items to be purchased and their estimated cost.

*Character Limit: 1000*

# Previous Winner\*

Have you received a Fund for Excellence in Education grant previously?

## Choices

Yes No

# Primary Teacher Name\*

Indicate the name of the primary teacher contact for this grant request.

*Character Limit: 30*

# Primary Teacher Position\*

Indicate your position in the school. It is preferred that the applications are prepared by classroom teachers. Proposals from Administrators and teaching assistants will be considered only if they are submitted jointly with a teacher.

*Character Limit: 50*

# Primary Teacher Email\*

Please provide the best **email** for contacting you with questions regarding this application.

*Character Limit: 60*

# Additional Teacher #1 Name

Many of our grants are done collaboratively. If you are working with another teacher on this request, you may indicate their name here.

*Character Limit: 50*

# Additional Teacher #1 Position

What is the position in the school of this teacher/administrator.

*Character Limit: 50*

# Additional Teacher #1 Email

Please provide the best email for contacting this person.

*Character Limit: 60*

# Name of School\*

Indicate the name of the school where you are employed.

*Character Limit: 250*

# School District\*

If you are employed by a public school, please indicate the school district. Include N/A if you are a private school.

*Character Limit: 250*

# Principal or Head of School's Name\*

Indicate the name of the school's Principal or Head of School.

*Character Limit: 250*

# Principal or Head of School's Email\*

Please provide the best **email** for communicating with the school's Principal or Head of School.

*Character Limit: 60*

# Attachments

Attach any supporting documents or materials here.

*File Size Limit: 15 MB*

# Authorization (in lieu of signature)\*

Has the Principal or Head of School in your school read and approved this grant request?

## Choices

Yes No