



Call for Proposals

2018 Nickajack Elementary Foundation 'STEAM' Teacher Grant Program

The Nickajack Elementary Foundation is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 2010 to supplement educational expenses which allow Nickajack to keep our children's education competitive in all areas of learning. The primary mission of the Foundation is to raise money that will allow Nickajack administrators and faculty to fund enriched curriculum programs, student services, and technology.

Purpose of Grant Program

The Foundation will award grants to support faculty who have a unique idea for a project or professional development opportunity that will supplement your regular classroom curriculum. *Preference will be given to faculty who are passionate about integrating science, technology and/or the arts to create a more engaging experience for their students.*

Funding Opportunities

1. Project-based Grants: Nickajack Elementary faculty members are invited to apply for Foundation grants to help bring an innovative hands-on project to their own classroom. The Foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms. Applications must be for project-based learning. *We do not consider requests solely for computers or materials that are not related to a discrete project.* Materials funded stay at the school.

Many successful grantees have designed projects that tap in to the natural curiosity of their students and enable students to frame their own scientific questions. Projects funded in 2017 include:

- a. Jeter: KEVA Planks and Activity Table
 - b. Robbins: Math Remediation via Prodigy.com
 - c. Hollis: Living Eco Systems
2. Professional Development: Nickajack Elementary faculty are invited to apply for professional development opportunities that will help them bring their best new teaching ideas to life. Projects funded in 2017 include:
 - a. Heflin/Maples/Ladd: NSTA Conference
 - b. Espenshied and Harrison: GA Council of Teachers of Mathematics
 - c. Priest: Ron Clarke Academy Training

How to Apply

1. Submit letter of intent online by May 25, 2018 (Round 1) or August 15, 2018 (Round 2 for new teachers). Letter must include a 2-3 sentence grant idea summary and estimated projected cost. The letter of intent should be submitted to grants@nesfoundation.com. Following notification, you will be invited to complete the full grant application.





2. Complete grant application. Application must include completed blue form* and signature from, Linda Koval, NES bookkeeper as well as signature from, NES Principal, Adam Hill prior to submission. Final applications (with all required forms and signatures) are to be submitted to the front office by Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 3:30. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

*Blue forms should indicate cost of materials for project or professional development – including taxes and shipping. Please see Ms. Koval for a list of tax-exempt suppliers available to the school.

