



Taos Public Education Fund Teacher Grant Application Announcement - 2017

Overview: The Taos Public Education Fund (TPEF) was established as a component fund of Taos Community Foundation, a non-profit, tax exempt philanthropic organization, independent of the Taos Municipal School District, but complementing it through partnership. The fund, established in 2005, is guided by an Advisory Committee that participates in fundraising to build the endowment and direct grant making activities.

The Taos Public Education Fund is dedicated to enhancing and improving the education of every student in the Taos public schools. TPEF partners with Taos Municipal School District, Taos Community Foundation, and dedicated members of our community working with the belief that every student deserves a high-quality education in a system devoted to equity, diversity, and social justice.

The **vision** of the Taos Public Education Fund is that every student in the Taos Municipal School District will graduate from high school with the tools necessary to succeed as a productive citizen. The **mission** of the Taos Public Education Fund is to enhance the academic experience of all students in Taos Municipal School District, by supporting and funding learning opportunities not otherwise available to them.

TPEF has committed funds for the 2017-18 school year as part of a competitive cycle extended specifically to teachers and school professionals in the Taos Municipal School District.

Grants will be awarded in November, 2017 as part of a Grant Reception Celebration.

Any school personnel who work directly with students – teachers, principals, counselors, librarians, etc, may apply for grants up to \$300.00. Proposals involving multiple classrooms or school-wide projects may apply for grants of up to \$500.00. You may submit grant proposals for more than one project, although, in general, individuals are not awarded more than one grant. If you teach/work at more than one school and are applying for projects at more than one school, please submit a separate grant application for each project, at each school. Field trips will be considered if essential to the overall project focus. After school or student clubs will not be considered this funding cycle.

Previous grantees are eligible to apply in this new cycle, **provided that all previous grant reports have been completed and are considered Closed in Good Standing, by the Foundation.**

To submit a proposal, complete a formal grant application (“Teacher Grant Application”), which can be downloaded from the Taos Community Foundation’s website (www.taoscf.org). All projects and programs will be considered. Grantees may receive site visits and will be required to submit an end of the year report detailing progress/outcomes and all original receipts for purchases/expenses.

Qualifications for grant requests:

1. Program must benefit staff or students in grades K – 12 of publicly funded schools within the Taos Municipal School District, which includes any ***district*** Charter School. Any school professional who works directly with students in a school (teacher, principal, counselor, librarian, etc) may apply.
2. Program must be in alignment with the Taos Public Education Fund’s vision and mission.
3. Program must be applicable to at least one of the TPEF’s Funding Priorities:

Initiative 1. Academic Enrichment for Students

Initiative 2. Families Partnering in Education

Grant Applications will be reviewed on the following criteria:

1. Support New Mexico Common Core State Standards (NMCCSS).
2. Demonstrate clear and meaningful goals.
3. The need is clearly stated in the proposal.
4. The line-item budget is clear and reasonable.

Restrictions and Limitations:

TPEF does not award grants for religious or political purposes, to individuals or government agencies. TPEF provides grants to eligible applicants so long as funds are available, without regard to race, creed, color, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, veteran status, disability, country or place of origin, ethnicity, or citizenship status of the applicants.

Applications may be submitted via email to hforte@taoscf.org or hand-delivery to the Foundation office at 115 La Posta Road STE. A, Taos NM 87571.

(PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS A NEW OFFICE LOCATION)

Subject line to read [Teacher Grant Application](#).

Signature pages may be sent as a PDF attachment, or mailed directly to the Foundation.

Application deadline is Monday, September 18, 2017 by 5:00 PM.

<p>If you have questions, please contact: Helen Forte, Director of Community Outreach Taos Community Foundation (575) 737-9300 / hforte@taoscf.org</p>
