

Ashe County Board of Education Endowment Fund Grant Application Process

Frequently asked questions:

What is it?

The Ashe County Board of Education Endowment Fund is a nonprofit organization that enables new and innovative approaches to learning that are not supported through the traditional funding of public education.

What will it do?

Money placed in the fund will be used to support new and innovative approaches to learning in the classroom. From this fund grants will be provided to local educators to enhance learning and support our county schools. Local educators may apply for grants to enhance the learning opportunities for students.

Who can apply?

Educators employed by Ashe County Schools may apply.

How do I apply?

Complete a grant application available on the Ashe County Schools website, under *Community, Endowment Board*.

How do I submit the grant application?

Submissions will be accepted through email (to: rhonda.smith@ashe.k12.nc.us), via school mail or hand delivered to the Central Support Services office. NO faxed applications will be accepted.

When are the applications due?

Applications must be submitted to Rhonda Smith at the Central Support Services office no later than March 17, 2025.

When will the award winners be notified?

Winners will be announced after the Ashe County Board of Education meeting on June 2, 2025.

How many grants will be awarded?

The number of grants awarded will depend on the amount of each approved grant. The maximum amount each grant can be awarded is \$1,500.00.

I've never applied before; is there anything thing I should be aware of?

- Does the project
 - provide significant, on-going benefits to a large number of students?
 - contain clearly defined goals and objectives?
 - help to satisfy unmet needs?
 - Lend itself to be easily replicated?

- include an effective implementation plan?
- include an evaluation plan?
- offer creative/innovative learning experiences for the student?

I applied last year; may I apply again?

Yes

Remember the following guidelines while completing the application:

- Projects that are ongoing year after year are more likely to be funded than a project request for only one year
- Projects that serve a large number of students are more likely to be funded
- Make sure project is innovative, meets the needs of students served and provides what your school cannot
- Place your cursor within the [] to begin typing (**applications must be type written**)
- Your responses must fall within the allowable number of words
- Responses should be well written and each area clearly defined and detailed
- Correct spelling and grammar are a must
- Please do not use acronyms unless they are explained in the narrative (non-school personnel may be evaluating these grant applications and would not be familiar with school lingo)
- Under section IV Budget and Funding be sure:
 - to include the description/names of the items you are requesting (part/model numbers are insufficient)
 - to indicate if the items requested are mandatory for implementing your grant project
 - to specify an amount if partial funding is checked
 - to include shipping/handling and tax
 - **maximum award per Endowment Fund Grant is \$1,500.00**
- Evaluation of your proposal/project is required once it is completed. An evaluation form will be provided for you to complete

If I am awarded funding, are there any additional requirements?

Yes, project evaluations will be required. A standardized form is available at asheschools.org (under *Community, Endowment Board*).