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How to Write a LEF Grant



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What is LEF?

The Lewisville ISD Education Foundation (LEF) was created 31 years ago to support LISD students and teachers.

The Foundation's purpose is to support excellence in education by establishing and distributing supplemental funds for enrichment purposes in designated program areas not otherwise funded by LISD. Funding does not replace or alter use of funds from traditional tax-based sources.

Grant Awards to Teachers

2007 - $ 35,970
2008 - $ 29,871
2009 - $ 44,190
2010 - $ 60,398
2011 - $ 96,353
2012 - $ 87,700
2013 - $104,385
2014 - $107,295
2015 - $110,602
2016 - $ 86,525
2017 - $ 90,170
2018 - $ 92,780
2019 - $100,430
2020 - $102,988
2021 - $104,100



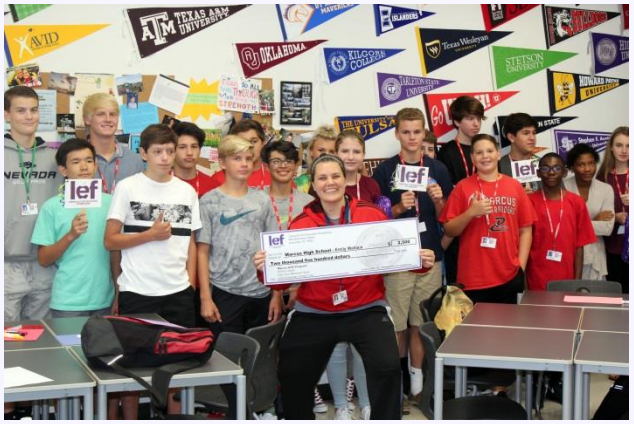




Special thanks for funds made available through the LISD Employee Giving Campaign.

The LEF Board of Directors is continually looking to increase the available grant funds each year from outside sources.

General Information







- lisdef.com/teacher-programs/grants/
- May 25, 2022 is the deadline for grants for the 2022-23 school year.
- Grants are awarded **up to $2,500.**
- Team Grants are awarded at the higher end.
- Grants are usually announced the 2nd week of the 2022-23 school year.

Who Can Apply?



Any professional personnel working directly with children, including teachers, counselors, librarians, and nurses.





Complete Your Online Application
~No Pencil Necessary~

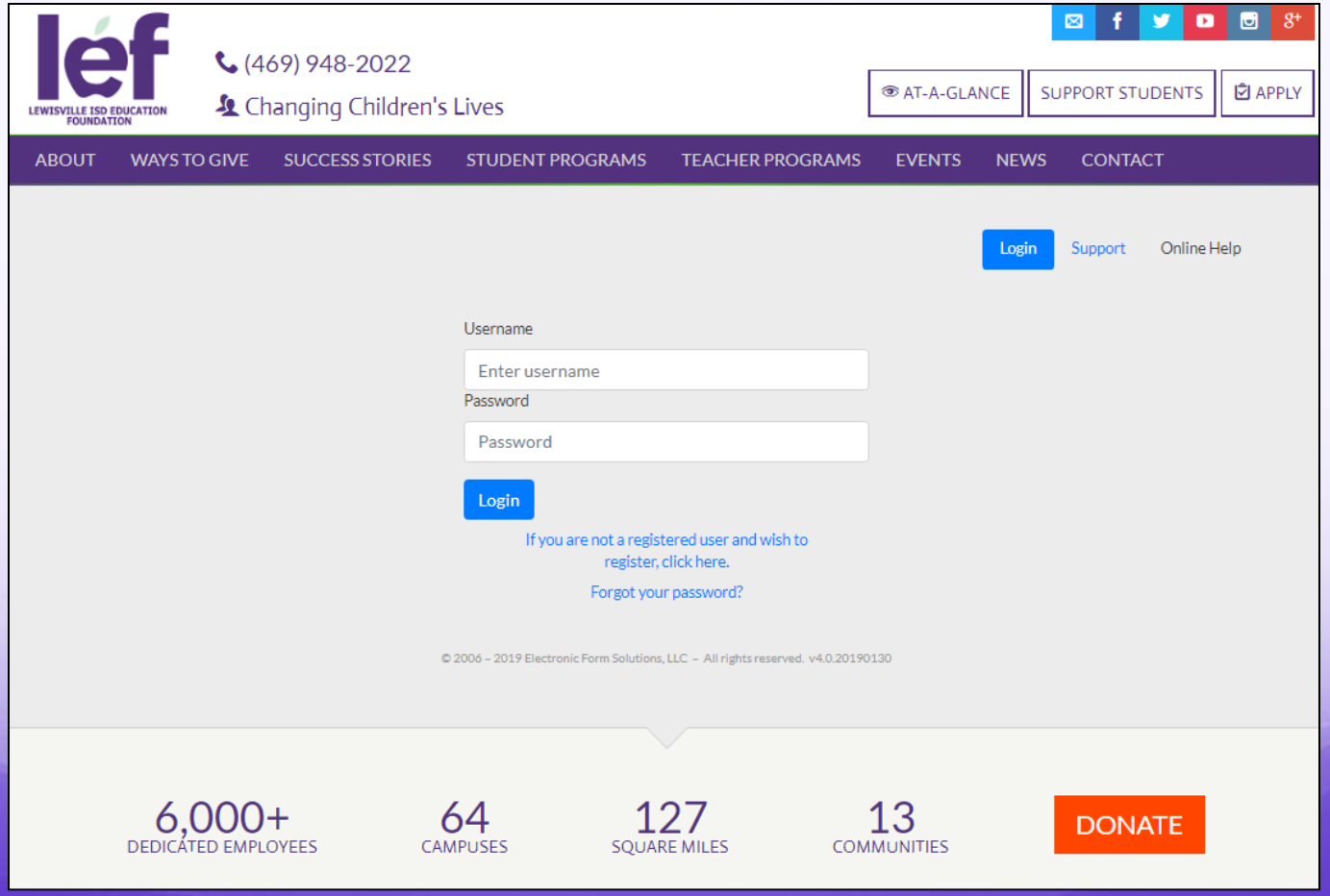




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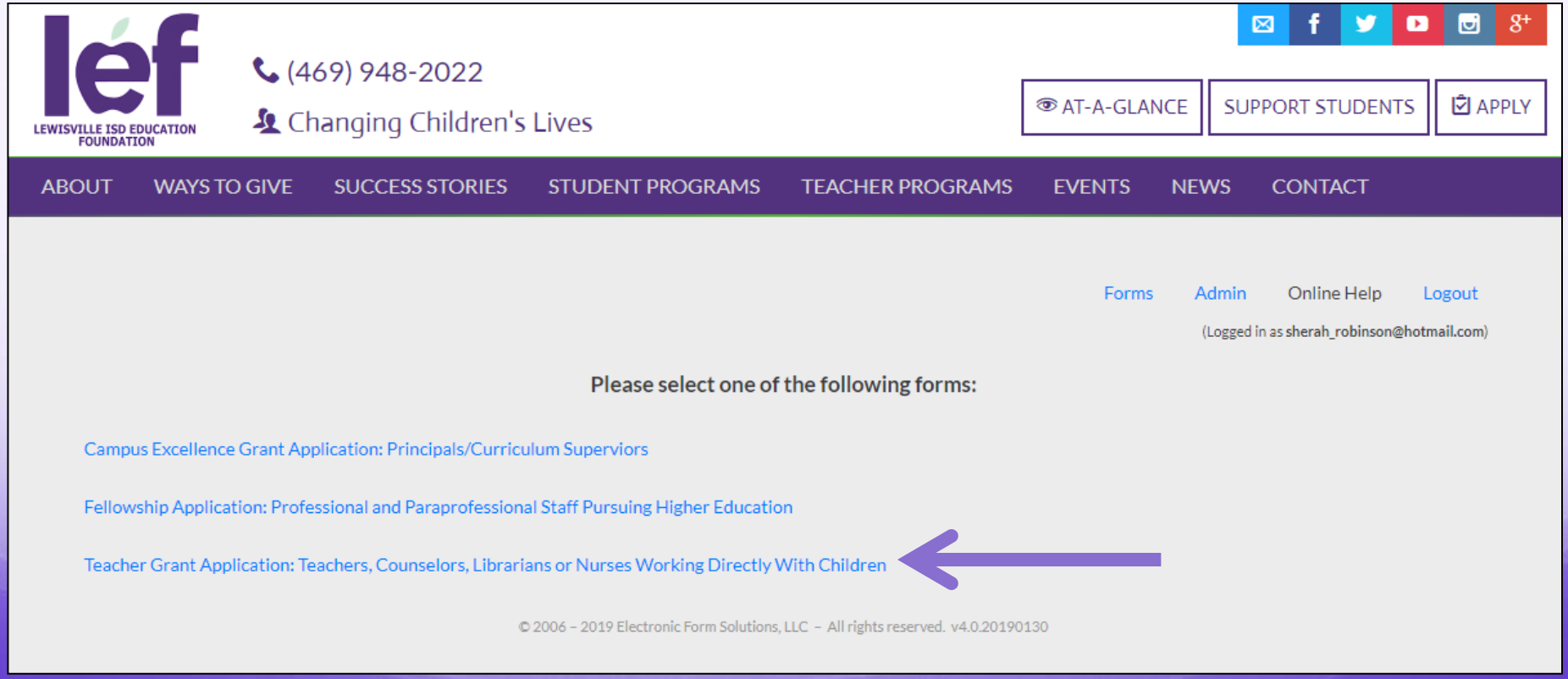
Application Form

- https://lef.eformsolutions.com/lef/grants
- Create an account



Choose Your Document

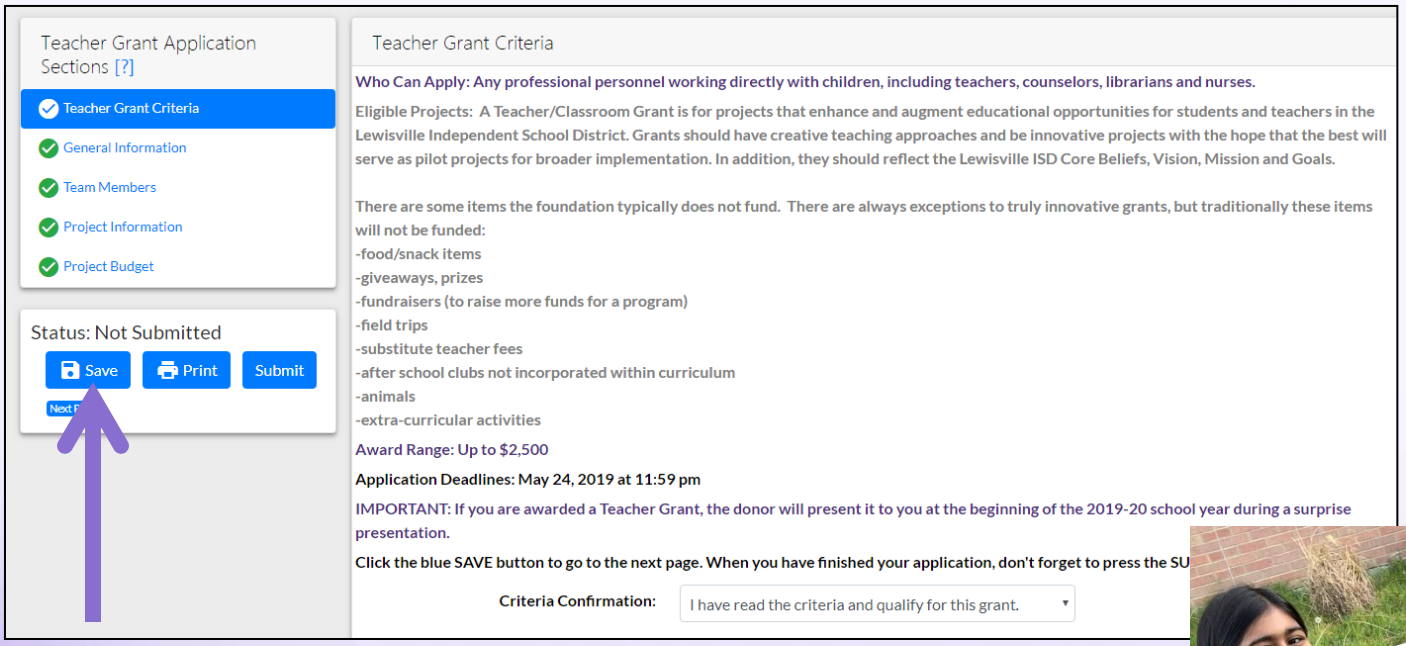
- Select: Teacher Grant Application
- Start your application



Format of the Application

You just type in the provided boxes and save.











Helpful Hints

- **Think outside the box!**
- You can save and go back to your work at anytime until May 25th.
- LEF suggests you write your information in Word then correct it before you copy and paste it into the provided boxes. This allows for you to spell check first in Word.
- Think of purchasing items with multiple purposes to use inside your room or across disciplines.

1.2.3. Grant Writing Time

- Project Title:
  - Pick something that will grab the interest of the reviewers and demonstrate student impact.
- Explanation of the needs this project will meet.
- List the major objectives for this project:
  - LISD Core Beliefs, Vision, Mission and Goals
  - Observable and Measurable
  - Engaging, Innovative Experiences
- Describe the project
  - Examples of project usage





1.2.3. Grant Writing Time





- How will this engage students and improve their achievements?
- Is it a short term or long term project? Explain why the project would not continue.
- Evaluation - how will you evaluate if your objectives have been met?
- Describe how your project will be collaborative, how it will be shared, how it will make a difference at your campus.
- **Discuss your grant idea with your principal before submitting to see how it reflects LISD mission and goals.**

1.2.3. Grant Writing Time



- How will you communicate your success to your campus, community and LEF?
- Budget
  - Note the item quantity, item cost, total cost
  - Any discount should be noted in the budget area
  - Add shipping charges here
  - No additional funds are available if costs increase
  - LISD purchasing processes and procedures **must** be followed. This includes all technology required accessories, i.e. Apple Care





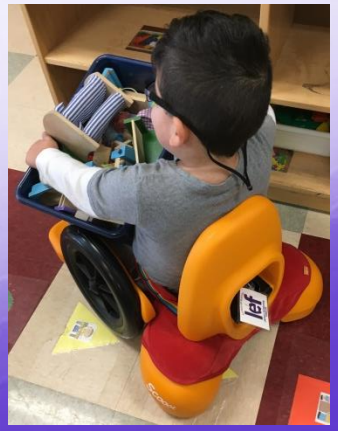
What Do Reviewers Look For?

- LEF community reviewers will be focusing on grants that enhance a student's learning experience around the District's Mission and Goals - available on the LISD website.

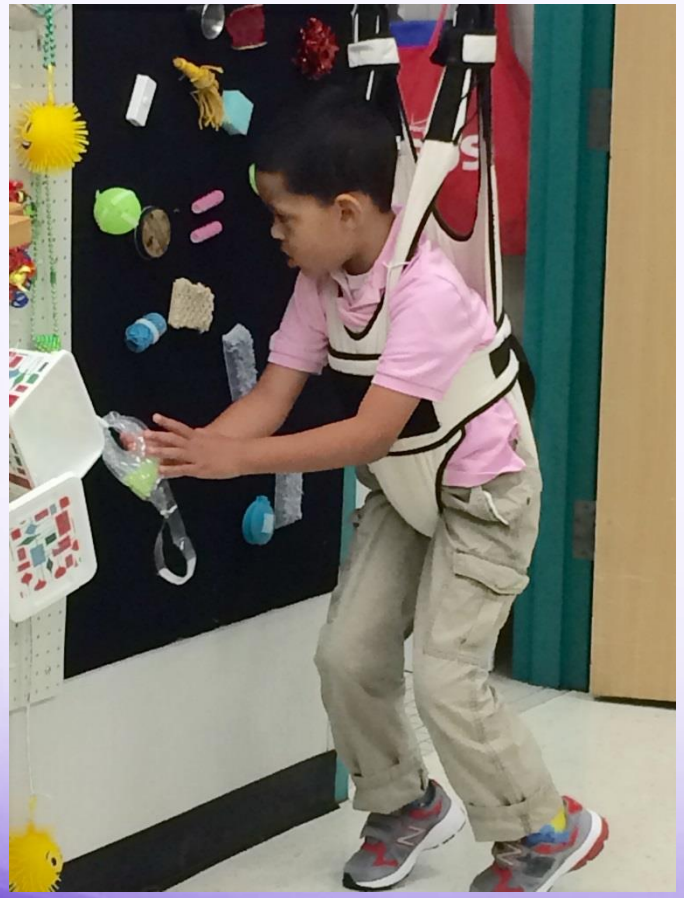
- Reviewers will be looking for the following:
  - How your request will enhance student learning.
  - Does your request integrate learning across disciplines- i.e. Social Studies with Language Arts.
  - For technology requests - What is the academic need and how will students and their teacher interact using this technology.
  - Is this a new way to engage your students, will it excite your students into wanting to engage in their learning?
  - What are your expected outcomes.







What Can You Apply For ?



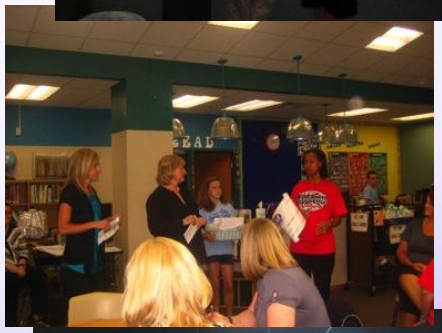
- Because monies are not available to fund all requests, LEF policy only allows us to fund programs and equipment that will directly benefit LISD students.
- LEF does not fund any requests that are covered by LISD tax dollars.
- **Sorry! No parties, food, animals, field trips, teacher travel, training, professional development or extra curricular activities.**

Final Helpful Hints

- Use your imagination. What do you need to help you inspire and engage your students to excel to their fullest potential?
- Think of the results from the project. How will they benefit your students now and in the future?
- **Spell out acronyms**! Not all grant readers will know what LEP or IEP mean.
- Don't forget you can apply as a team or individually.
- If you are awarded a grant, you will be expected to complete a Project Evaluation online by the last day of school the current funding year. Recipients who do not provide an evaluation will not be eligible for future grants.









Have Fun & Good Luck!

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