# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Beyond the Books Educational Foundation

#### 1. May I apply for a grant this year if I have received a grant in previous years?

Yes. There is no limit to the number of times you can apply for a grant. All grants are "blind reviewed" so no one knows who you are or whether you have received grants in the past.

#### 2. May I apply for and receive more than one grant in the same year?

Yes. You may apply for multiple grants in each grant cycle. Because of the "blind review" process, no one knows which grant proposals have been submitted by the same person.

### 3. How long does it typically take to write a grant proposal?

Proposals take less time to prepare than you might think. Over 40% of teachers report that the application took less than 4 hours to complete, and 94% say that it took between 1 and 8 hours.

#### 4. Are proposals for STEM projects given priority?

In reviewing grant proposals, there is no subject-area that is given any more weight than any other. We support all aspects of student learning.

## 5. May I apply for both a Standard and Beyond the Box Grant?

We understand that sometimes you have an excellent idea for a project that could be great if you receive a Standard Grant, but even better if you receive the Beyond the Box Grant. You ARE allowed to submit both proposals. If you do so, you *must* use the same title for both applications and in the Beyond the Box application, clearly describe how the extra money will be used. Only one of the two applications may receive an award.

# 6. What is the grant amount needed to apply for a Beyond the Box Grant?

You may apply for the Beyond the Box Grant requesting an amount between \$7500 and \$10,000.