

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. What are the grant types and funding amounts?

Mini – Up to \$800. Also note, based on our bylaws, approximately 15% of the total annual allocation will be used to fund “Mini” Grants so it’s well worth your time to apply. Standard – Limited to requests for \$801 to \$5,000 Beyond the Box – One grant between \$7,500 and \$10,000.

3. May I apply for both a standard and Beyond the Box Grant?

You ARE allowed to submit both proposals. 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. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.