



Welcome Grant Seeker!

Each year the EMS Education Foundation continues its mission of supporting programs and the development of solutions to enrich and maximize the quality of education.

The awarded grants provide funding for new approaches, different formats that can spark a student's imagination, engage them and ultimately elevate their participation in all subjects.

We are excited that you are applying for an Educational Grant from the EMS Education Foundation. Here's a few tips as you start the process:

1. Finish these two sentences:

Wouldn't it be great if the kids could

I wish my students were able to

2. The Project is appropriate if you can answer "yes" to the following questions:

•Is it important to learning? •Is it practical? •Is it innovative?

3. Be prepared to include information on the following questions:

Why is it important?

How does it enrich the students learning experience?

What sets it apart from other programs?

Please keep in mind as you write your grant application that the majority of people reviewing your application are *not educators*.

Use clear, simple language.

Avoid argon & acronyms.

Keep your audience in mind...intrigue them.

Use attention getter: Quote – Shocking fact/statistic– Descriptive detail– Simile, metaphor, analogy – Rhetorical question

Explain the long-term benefits – immediate and future

Have someone read your grant that is *not in education*

Answer all of the questions

Quote research (back up your idea)

Check your math

Check your spelling

Budget:

Confirm prices

Do not get quotes from a catalog

Get prices in writing

Make sure prices will be good in two or three months (That is when you will place orders).

Ask for discounts on big orders – shipping is a very common discount.

Ask your PTA/PTO for matching funds, and include the information if you have matching funds available.

Have you asked for funds through a local business?

We hope you have found these tips helpful, however, if you are unsure on how to proceed after reading these tips or have specific questions, please feel free to contact the Foundation.

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We wish you success in your endeavors, and look forward to reading and hearing about your program.