



# **Golden Apple Foundation Classroom Grant Program Criteria**

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOV. 6, 2017**

The Golden Apple Foundation Classroom Grant Program affords teachers the opportunity to develop and implement creative educational projects that enhance the learning experience of their students. It provides teachers a resource for expanding and enhancing the curriculum for the benefit of students in Early Childhood and Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

## ***Classroom Projects Criteria***

To be eligible for Golden Apple Classroom Projects funding this year, you must be a classroom teacher, teaching **PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade** in a Winnebago or Boone County Public or ISBE recognized non-public school. If awarded funding, recipients must use the funds to implement the educational program described in their application. In awarding funds, the Foundation will not discriminate on the basis of an applicant's race, color, age, creed, gender or national origin.

## ***Classroom Projects should:***

- Improve and enhance a classroom's academic environment.
- Be implemented in the same academic year in which the project is funded.
- Encourage creative experiences for students.
- Complement major goals of the school district.
- Build upon school, department and grade level plans.
- Encourage student attendance and broaden student involvement.
- Utilize the creativity of individual teachers.
- Be endorsed by the principal of the applicant's school.

## ***The following types of programs will not be funded by Golden Apple's Classroom Projects Program:***

- Commercially prepared teaching materials such as turn-key or prepackaged programs, or components that rely on subcontracting classroom teaching assignments to vendors.
- Programs or projects which are the responsibility of the school district (such as in-service and personal or corporate professional development.)
- Materials and equipment typically purchased by the school and/or district.
- Capital or building campaigns.
- General endowment campaigns.
- General operating expenses.
- Scholarships.
- Charitable dinners or fund-raising events.
- Salaries or stipends

***Include the following in your proposal:***

**A. Need for the project (10 points)**

1. How does the project meet the needs of the students?
2. What specific gaps or weaknesses will be addressed by the project?

**B. Project Goals and Objectives (10 points)**

1. Describe the project's goals and objectives.
2. How are the project's goals and objectives realistic, attainable and measurable?

**C. Project Design (50 points)**

1. Describe the project in detail and build a case for funding it based on its strengths.
2. Things to consider when describing the project:
  - i. How did the project enhance the academic environment of your classroom?
  - ii. How does it encourage student participation and planning?
  - iii. How is it replicable?
  - iv. How does it encourage creative thinking and problem solving?

**D. Timeline (10 points)**

1. Provide a detailed project timeline that includes dates, milestones and activities.

**E. Project Evaluation (10 points)**

1. Describe the methods of evaluation you will use to determine the outcome of the project.

**F. Budget (10 points)**

1. Itemize expected expenses in as much detail as possible.

**Applications are available for download at [www.goldenappleofrockford.com](http://www.goldenappleofrockford.com).** Deadline for submission of applications to the Golden Apple Foundation office is at 5 p.m. Decisions will be mailed to applicants by Friday, Dec 1, 2017 and they will receive their checks at a Golden Apple Foundation Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 4 p.m. Recognition of recipients will occur at Golden Apple Banquet on April 27, 2018.

All applications are reviewed without regard to the identity of the educators or their schools. Please refrain from identifying yourself or your school in the body of the application. **Any reference to your school, your school's staff, or receipt of prior project funds within the body of this application will make this application ineligible for funding. Only typed applications will be accepted.** Cover sheets will be removed and applications will be tracked by number. You may submit as many applications for different projects as you wish but no more than one proposal will be funded per application cycle. Proposals not selected for funding must be resubmitted during the next eligible cycle to be considered for future funding.

**Recipients are required to use the money by the end of the academic year during which the award is made and to submit a follow-up report detailing the use of the funds. This report format will be provided to recipients with the monetary award.**

Past awards have ranged between \$150 and \$1,500. For more information contact Golden Apple Foundation at 815-226-4180. Application(s) must be received by **5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017:**

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