



GOLDEN APPLE FOUNDATION OF ROCKFORD TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

"Creating educational opportunities that will lead to academic enrichment for Winnebago and Boone County students."



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You're Invited to Apply!

Golden Apple Foundation invites PreK – 12th grade public and private school teachers to participate in its grant program. This program provides opportunities for academic enrichment to encourage positive change in classroom instruction.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Teachers can submit an application for a single classroom grant or multiple classrooms in these categories:

- ✓ Student/Teacher mental health-focused resources
- ✓ Books, supplies or resources for specific instructional units
- ✓ Classroom technology
- ✓ Collins Aerospace STEM grants
- ✓ Special Education grant
- ✓ Literacy-focused resources

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ Quality of project
- ✓ Number of students who will benefit
- ✓ Educational benefit to students
- ✓ Integration of proposed project with district goals



FUNDING & SUBMISSION

Simple Grants are available for up to \$450 for equipment, technology or books itemized **and with explanation of how you will use them and how this grant benefits students.** Go to www.goldenappleofrockford.com/simplegrant to apply with the simple form. **Large grants** are available for up to \$1,500 for a single classroom or \$2500 for a school-wide, multi-classroom project in literacy, STEM, a specific instructional unit, special education and mental health. For the Large Grant, complete application form including separate pages for the project description and proposed budget. The application must be signed by the teacher and school principal. Applicants of both simple and large grants will be notified by Oct. 6 if selected.



PROJECT EVALUATION

- ▶ Golden Apple Foundation is committed to helping educators and asks that teachers who receive grants submit a one-page report at the completion of their project, describing the results and benefit to students. Teachers who have received prior grants must have submitted a report in order to be eligible to apply again. Please be sure to contact Golden Apple Foundation immediately if there are extra funds left over or if you are not able to purchase the agreed upon materials. Go to www.goldenappleofrockford.com/classroom-grants for the report form.



SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

- ▶ Deadline for submitting an application for simple or large grants is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025. Grant recipients will be presented with their checks at a date and location to be determined.

Go to www.goldenappleofrockford.com/classroom-grants to see Frequently Asked Questions.

APPLICATION

Teacher Name		Personal Email Address	
Teacher Cell Phone Number		Teacher School E-Mail Address	
School Name/ District	School Phone Number	Principal's Name	
Teacher Home Address: street			
City	State	ZIP Code	
		\$	
Grade(s)		Dollar Amount Requested	
Number of Students Who Will Benefit		Project Title	
Teacher Signature		Principal Signature	

CATEGORY OF GRANT REQUEST

- ☐ Instructional unit-focused Books/Supplies/ Resources External Learning Experience & Associated In-Class Lessons
- ☐ Classroom Technology Student/Teacher Mental Health Needs Literacy-focused Books/Supplies/Resources
- Special Education-focused Books/Supplies/Resources STEM-focused Books/Supplies/Resources

- ☐ Single Classroom \$1,500 Maximum ☐ School-Wide or Multi-Classroom \$2,500 Maximum

On a maximum of two additional sheets of paper (typed, double-spaced, no less than 12-point font and one-inch margins), please respond to these prompts:

- ✓ Describe the project and how it will improve student learning
- ✓ How will the project's effectiveness be evaluated?
- ✓ STEM grant applicants: include whether you are interested in Collins engineers volunteering in your class on a limited basis.
- ✓ What academic standards will be addressed by the project? How will those standards be incorporated into student learning?
- ✓ Identify the district goal that will be furthered by this project
- ✓ We welcome videos to supplement your application. Get your students involved! Please upload videos to YouTube and share the URL in your application.

DEADLINE: SEPT. 10, 2025

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Description (not to exceed 2 pages)
- ✓ Budget (1 page)

On a separate page, provide clear and concise budget for the use of funds. If the funds received from the Golden Apple grant program exceeds the maximum grant amount available, provide information about how funds will be obtained. Please limit to two pages any additional materials provided (photographs, samples, etc.) Note: proposals, including application, project description and additional materials, must not exceed five pages.

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- ✓ Email to info@goldenappleofrockford.com or mail to:

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