

## **Mount Union Schools Education Foundation Grant Guidelines**

Mount Union Schools Education Foundation Grants provide financial support to Mount Union Area School District faculty and staff for educational programs, projects, and initiatives that directly benefit students. These grants are intended to provide instructional resources, enhance learning experiences, support curriculum enrichment, and fund innovative or supplemental opportunities that extend beyond what is provided through the district's operating budget.

All grant funds are awarded and administered through the Mount Union Schools Education Foundation, a nonprofit, tax-qualified organization that serves as a tax-sheltered vehicle for community, business, and private contributions. Each year, the Mount Union Schools Education Foundation ensures that donated funds are invested solely in educational initiatives that improve student outcomes and provide educational experiences above and beyond what is supported through district funding. All funded projects must demonstrate a clear and direct benefit to students and align with the educational goals of the Mount Union Area School District.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Mount Union Schools Education Foundation Grants are open to all Mount Union Area School District faculty and staff who seek funding for projects that provide meaningful educational value and a direct benefit to students. Eligibility is not based on years of service or position within the district.

Both individual and collaborative projects are encouraged. Proposed projects may be new or expanded programs, classroom innovations, enrichment opportunities, or supplemental resources that are not otherwise funded through the district's operating budget. Additional outside funding may be held concurrently with Mount Union Schools Education Foundation grant awards, but must be fully disclosed as part of the application process.

Applicants must be employed by MUASD for the duration of the grant year. All activities outlined in the grant application must occur after the grant award period begins. Grant funds may not be used to cover expenses incurred prior to the award date.

### **Ineligible Uses of Grant Funds**

Grant funds may not be used for the following purposes:

- Expenses related to duties explicitly outlined in the applicant's MUASD employment contract
- Tuition or fees for degree- or certificate-granting programs
- Faculty or staff travel costs to and from the regular worksite
- To compensate students

### **Types of Supported Projects**

Mount Union Schools Education Foundation Grants support a diverse range of educational programs, projects, and initiatives that directly benefit students and improve the student learning experience. Funding is intended to foster innovation, creativity, and academic growth throughout the district by investing in initiatives, curriculum, resources, and experiences that have a clear and meaningful student impact.

Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Enrichment activities that extend learning beyond the traditional classroom
- Field trips and experiential learning opportunities that enhance curriculum and real-world connections
- Instructional equipment and materials that support student learning and engagement
- Enhanced or supplemental curriculum not otherwise funded by the district
- Instructional resources that improve teaching and learning outcomes

- Student programs and activities that support academic growth, creativity, or skill development
- Classroom innovations that introduce new teaching methods, technologies, or approaches
- Educational projects or initiatives designed to improve access, engagement, or learning experiences for students

All funded projects must demonstrate a clear connection to student benefit and align with the educational goals of the Mount Union Area School District.

**Grant Terms and Conditions**

Proposed Grant projects must be completed between May 1 and March 1 of the award year. The Mount Union Schools Education Foundation disseminates information about the projects awarded funding. Award acceptance signifies permission by the selected candidate to publish and use appropriate information provided in the application for publicity purposes.

**2026-2027 Application Timeline**

Applications Open	March 1
Applications Deadline	April 1
Notifications Sent	May 1

**Application Requirements**

The application must be prepared and submitted through [MUSEDfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:MUSEDfoundation@gmail.com). For questions, please reach out to [MUSEDfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:MUSEDfoundation@gmail.com).

### **[Submit Application Form](#)**

### **Review Process**

Mount Union Schools Education Foundation Grant applications are reviewed and selected by a committee made up of the Education Foundation Board and Ad Hoc members. All applicants will be notified of their decision by May 1. Recipients are selected on a competitive basis. All selection decisions are final. There is no appeal process. However, unsuccessful applicants may apply again in a future grant cycle.

### **Distribution of Funds**

All grant funds are distributed via check.

### **Project Completion Report**

All recipients of the Mount Union Schools Education Foundation Grant funding must complete a Project Completion Report for the grant they received no later than 30 days after the completion of the project or event and no later than March 31st of the fiscal year they were awarded. This is completed by answering a series of questions within the appropriate online grant Project Completion Form and uploading at least one piece of supplementary material (video, photographs, etc.), demonstrating the success of their project. Awardees who do not submit a Project Completion Form by the deadline will not be eligible to receive further Mount Union Schools Education Foundation grants until the Project Completion Form has been submitted.

See the [Project Completion Report](#)