



2025-2026 Bright Idea Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in submitting an application for the SAISD Foundation's Bright Idea Grant. Awards are up to \$5,000. As the nonprofit partner of SAISD we are honored to raise funds to invest in our talented educators. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the early Spring 2025 semester. The last day to submit an application is March 10.

Grant Criteria:

- Project should be innovative or new for your campus/grade level/department.
- Project should aim, but is not required, to help SAISD reach one of the SAISD. Board Goals:
 - Improve reading and writing outcomes
 - Improve math outcomes
 - Improve college readiness
 - Improve social-emotional readiness
- Overall project budget can be over \$5,000, however, your grant requests cannot exceed \$5,000.
- The budget should include one-time expense(s) and project should be sustainable.
- Educators are encouraged to partner with additional teachers and staff for the project. Educators can be at two separate campuses, and both educators would be eligible for a \$5,000 grant each.

Application Process: The grant application consists of two parts.

1. The Jotform application with the project budget.
2. A short video (up to two minutes in length) linked in this form from YouTube.

1. Name *

First Name

Last Name

2. Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

3. SAISD Email *

example@example.com

Personal Email

example@example.com

4. Campus Name (use short name ex. Lanier not Sidney Lanier): ***My Principal/Department head is aware of this grant request ***☐ Yes☐ No

Principal/Department Head Name

First Name

Last Name

Principal/Department Head email *

example@example.com

In submitting this grant, I acknowledge the following:

- I understand that all materials and supplies become the property of SAISD and of the campus designated on this application. If I get reassigned to a new campus, I must notify the SAISD Foundation, and together we will discuss options for the grant award.
- I understand that if a grant is awarded, the recipient must submit two summary updates including but not limited to, pictures or video, once before winter break 2025 and again by the end of the spring semester 2026. Failure to do so will be grounds for disqualification for future grants.
- I acknowledge that funds must be used by December 15, 2026. **Any unused funds will be reclaimed by SAISD Foundation.** If funds have been deposited with the campus, any unused funds will be relinquished to the school.
- I understand I will be responsible for submitting a final online evaluation form for this project after the project has been fully implemented for more than one semester.

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☐ I agree

6. Do you have a collaborator(s) on this project? If so, list their full name and email.

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7. Project Name (No more than 75 characters that gives an idea of what the project is and who it benefits. Think 10-15 words max. and does not have to be catchy, but rather informative.) *

8. How is this project innovative or new for your campus or department? This can include expansion of best practices or proven strategies. *

9. Is your project aimed at helping SAISD reach its Board Goals?
<https://www.saisd.net/page/board-goals> (Check any that apply.) *

- ☐ Improve reading and writing outcomes
- ☐ Improve math outcomes
- ☐ Improve college readiness
- ☐ Improve social emotional readiness
- ☐ N/A

10. Does your project meet one of the SAISD Foundation's key area of focus?
<https://saisdfoundation.com/about/what-we-do/> (Check any that apply.) *

- ☐ Expand student experiences
- ☐ Increase postsecondary success

11. If you are modeling this project after another you have seen/ heard of at another campus in SAISD or another school district, please share the name of the campus and district (if outside SAISD). *

12. How many students will be impacted directly by this project each year? *

13. How many students will be impacted indirectly by this project each year? (ex. performances, displays etc. that is, the students that are not part of the focused group most impacted by the project yet still benefit) *

14. What grade level (s) are the focus of this project? (Please enter all applicable.) *

15. Which subjects are the BEST fit for your project/program? (Choose one) *

- ☐ Bilingual
- ☐ CTE
- ☐ ELAR
- ☐ Fine Arts
- ☐ Foreign Language
- ☐ Math
- ☐ PE
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social Studies
- ☐ SPED

16. Which of the following assessments administered in SAISD would best measure the impact of this project/program? (Check any that apply to your content/grade level). *

- ☐ Circle (PK/K)
- ☐ Attendance
- ☐ MAP
- ☐ STAAR
- ☐ TELPAS
- ☐ Other

If other, please write it in below.

17. Tell a potential donor what you need to help your students meet their full potential in one sentence.

I need project item * for my campus/department/program so students can
outcome * and outcome 2. * .

18. Please upload an invoice/quote of the item(s) to be purchased from a vendor, or a spreadsheet in Excel created from the template. Please note, vendors do not need to be districted approved. The SAISD Foundation works directly with School Specialty and will not be purchasing items from Amazon. Contact Nicole Roberts via nicole.roberts@schoolspecialty.com to start a quote. *



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19. What else should we know that you have not yet been able to share (this is an internal question for the staff of the SAISD Foundation to be able to advocate for your project)? *

20. Please link to a a short video (up to two minutes in length) explaining more about how you project you impact your SAISD community. Ideally, the video should be filmed in the location of where the project/program will take place and highlight the need for the project. Bonus points will be awarded if you mention how it aligns with one of the SAISD Board Goals or SAISD Foundation goals. *

21. We would love to feature your project on social media! Please share your school's handles for platforms you would like to be tagged on. You are welcome to also share your personal handles if you would like to have them included. (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X) *

Download the [Budget Template](#) to attach your project budget.

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