



GASTON COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
2017 RON L. ENSLEY MINI GRANTS

The Gaston County Education Foundation was organized in 1992 to enhance educational opportunities in our Gaston County Public School system. Since that time, we have funded over \$900,000 in grants and sponsorships to benefit our teachers and students. Our mission is to:

- ★ *Fund extraordinary programs and initiatives in our Gaston County Public Schools, which are not funded by the regular budget*
- ★ *Acquire earmarked funds for memorial and honorarium initiatives*
- ★ *Serve as a non-profit organization to channel creative funding to our schools*

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March 2017 – Grant Guidelines

GASTON COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION Ron L. Ensley Grants

Deadline for all applications: Wednesday, April 12- 5:00 pm – Sharp!

No grants will be accepted after April 12 at 5pm.

All grants must be submitted from 2017 guidelines and applications

Winners will receive notification by May 23- Awards reception – June 12

- Requirement – Submit 3 complete copies of the grant application with only **one** cover sheet containing school and teacher information. **All grants go to Dana Luoto at the Central Office!**
- Classroom teachers and other non-administrative personnel who work directly with students may apply.
- Over \$40,000 in grants will be given this year

Grants are awarded for innovative teaching initiatives that enhance classroom learning. We look for originality and creativity! The Education Foundation does not fund field trips.

- Education Foundation Board Members serve as judges. They are business and community leaders who are looking for creativity and measurability.
- In some cases, partial grants will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- **All grants are judged without knowledge of the applicant. Cover sheet with school information is removed before judging. If school is acknowledged in grant text, it will be disqualified.**

Please note!! Grants will be awarded at two levels of funding:

- **Individual classroom teacher grants will be awarded up to requests of \$750**
If a recipient leaves the school where they serve to go to another Gaston County School, the grant follows the teacher. Otherwise, the grant funds must be returned to Education Foundation.
- **PLC, grade level and team grants will be awarded up to \$2000**
Concentrating on team, grade level and PLC related initiatives in education.

A teacher may receive only one individual grant and may only be part of one PLC Grant

Send completed applications (3 copies) – only one cover sheet containing school information, to Dana Luoto, School Board Secretary-
Central Office

Deadline: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

For questions or additional information contact Jennie Stultz, Executive Director or Amy Spencer, Program Director
Gaston County Education Foundation - 704-874-1876 gceducationfoundation@gmail.com

Grant Category _____ Date received _____
Individual _____ PLC or Group _____



COVER SHEET

2017 Ron L. Ensley Grants

(Submit only one cover sheet with school info with 3 stapled copies of your application)

DUE NO LATER THAN 5 pm, April 12, 2017 AT CENTRAL OFFICE to Dana Luoto

E mail Jennie Stultz or Amy Spencer for information: gceducationfoundation@gmail.com

Required – Please Indicate Only One Subject Category for grant request:

Math _____ Language Arts _____ Social Studies _____ Science _____

Music/Art _____ Technology _____ Leadership/Character Ed _____

Cross Disciplinary _____

Designate: Individual classroom _____ Grade level/PLC _____

School _____

Applicant Name(s) _____

(If submitting a PLC or group grant, list all teachers who will administer this grant)

Any individual teacher may only win one classroom (\$750) grant and one PLC (\$2000) grant

Contact Person: _____ email _____

Phone _____

Grade Level(s) _____ Amount of Request _____

of Students reached by this grant _____

Signature of Principal _____

Signature of SIT Chair _____

(Signatures of both Principal and SIT Chair required)

Grant winners will be asked to participate in a demonstration at the Ron Ensley Grants reception in 2017



2017 RON L. ENSLEY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Mention name of school or other identifiable information on cover sheet only.

Required – Please Indicate Only One Subject Category:

Math _____ Language Arts _____ Social Studies _____ Science _____

Music/Art _____ Technology _____ Leadership/Character Ed _____

Cross Disciplinary _____

Check one:

_____ **Individual Classroom Grant (maximum request \$750)**

_____ **PLC/Team Grant (maximum request \$2000)**

Project Title: _____

Funds Requested: _____ (attach detailed budget on a separate page)

of Students reached _____ Grade level(s) _____

Two pages, maximum, 12 point type: Provide the following information. Judges look for creative and unique initiatives.

- (1) Give a detailed description of grant request. Declare whether your grant is an Individual classroom grant or a PLC/team directed grant.**
- (2) Explain how the activity will creatively enhance student skills in attaining grade EOC, EOG and grade level efficiencies.**
- (3) Tell how outcomes or results will be measured and how the grant can be expanded, adapted or shared beyond the year of the grant.**
- (4) How will this grant help to achieve your school's SIT, PCL or SMART Goals?**
- (5) On a third page, outline a detailed budget, using dollars and cents, not round figures.**

Grant Application Check List:

- _____ **One cover page containing school info with required signatures**
- _____ **3 copies of grant application**
- _____ **Application page- Must be 2017 application**
- _____ **2 pages (maximum) grant description**
- _____ **One page itemized budget for grant**
- _____ **Submitted to Dana Luoto, GCS no later than Wednesday, April 12**