



# AIR & SPACE FORCES ASSOCIATION

## Educator Grant Rules

### Mission

The Air & Space Forces Association's mission is to advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense; to support the United States Air Force, Space Force, and the Total Force Family; and to promote aerospace education to the American people.

### The Educator Grant Program

AFA believes that one of the most significant means to affect student learning is to fund grants to meet the unmet and unfunded educational needs of students. Each school year, the Association awards grants to worthy projects that significantly influence student learning.

AFA will accept grant applications from September 1 – December 15. The grant process is competitive in nature. A committee of outside experts in the field of aerospace education will review all qualified grant applications and make recommendations on funding. Based on the funding available, AFA will choose to invest in projects that best serve our nation's students and support AFA's mission.

The Educator Grant program promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. It encourages a deeper connection to STEM as well as historical events/people.

### Policies

All requests for funding must conform to the grant guidelines and submission instructions to be considered. Failure to complete any of the required information will result in the rejection of the proposal.

Grants are judged on a competitive basis and may not be funded or may be only partially funded. Funds must be used on the proposed items.

The Educator Grant program promotes aerospace education activities with an emphasis on historical relevance and strong connections to STEM in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Grant recipients should include the Air & Space Forces Association in any publicity regarding their grant.

Grant recipients will be expected to announce their grant to the parents of students participating, to the school faculty and in a school publication.

Grant recipients will have the related lesson plan posted in an online forum for easy access by educators.

Teachers are encouraged to send pictures of the project in use by the students as well as copies of any publicity involving the project and related activities.

One grant per teacher, maximum of two teachers per school, will be considered under this program.

Preference will be given to proposed activities that relate to aerospace science and technologies.

Acceptable activities may include but are not limited to:

- Classroom science or technology demonstration kits
- Classroom science supplies
- Science and technology software for K-12 use
- Science manipulatives
- Supplies for making flying objects
- Supplies for robotic program

Funds will not be considered for the following:

- Registration fees for competitions
- T-shirts, promotional items or awards
- Teacher workshop fees
- Activities that benefit less than 15 students

A grant survey must be completed no later than six months from the date the grant is awarded. Grant fund expenditures are the responsibility of the grant winner, and an itemized list of expenditures must be included in the final grant report. Amendments to the executed project lesson plan may be included in the survey. If not received within this period, the applicant will not be eligible for future grants until a report is submitted and received by the Association.

Grant applications must be completed and submitted online. The application can be accessed at [www.afa.org/grants](http://www.afa.org/grants). Hardcopy or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Questions regarding the Educator Grant program should be directed to the program manager at (703) 247-5800 or [education@afa.org](mailto:education@afa.org).

