



Mini-Grant Application for 2026-2027 Academic Year

Chartered in 1993, Incorporated in 2006, the Germantown Education Foundation is an independent, 501(c)(3), not-for-profit corporation.

The mission of the Germantown Education Foundation (GEF) is to mobilize community resources to support and benefit schools, students, teachers, and educational programs in Germantown, Tennessee. Through grants, projects and initiatives, the Germantown Education Foundation helps advance the academic achievement of students by improving the quality of teaching and learning in our six municipal schools and one online academy (GOAL).

The foundation's core mission is to promote excellence in education.

Funding Policy

The Germantown Education Foundation raises and distributes funds each year for Germantown Municipal School District (GMSD) support. These funds may be used for specific needs of educational programs.

For a mini-grant proposal to receive consideration, the attached Request for Funding may be submitted August – March in the 2026-2027 academic year. The applicant must receive application approval by their school Principal prior to submission to GEF.

Mini-Grants have a maximum distribution of \$500 per grantee. This is a financially capped funding program, and the requests are restricted to educational supplies, tools, and programs that enhance teaching and training for faculty of the GMSD.

Upon Board of Director approval, funds will be distributed within two weeks. We will request a time that we can come to school to take a photo with our “big check.” Once grant materials/training are received we request photos and/or social media posts reflecting the GEF Mini-Grant in action as sharing the impact of this program helps us generate additional grant funding.

Questions may be directed to:

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Request for Mini-Grant Funding 2026-2027

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: gef@gmsdk12.org

- Approved funding will be distributed within two weeks of application receipt.
- All funds must be used by March 30, 2027.
- Must remit photos and tag GEF in social media posts of Grant in Action.
- Fund Request Focus: Materials & Training

Description of Application Request:

Please include:

- Project Description
- Goals & Outcome
- Supply List with Cost
 - example: Amazon or other online site cost of items

Key Notes:

- Due to increased demand for grant funding, the GEF Board is prioritizing requests that most closely align with the Foundation's mission of supporting innovative educational opportunities. Consequently, requests for standard classroom furniture will generally not be approved unless they clearly demonstrate a meaningful educational enhancement for students.
- Decisions will be based not only on the quality and impact of the proposed project, but also on the demonstrated engagement and partnership of the requesting teacher(s) and school in supporting GEF's mission throughout the year. We value schools and educators who actively participate in and champion the Foundation's efforts to enhance educational opportunities across GMSD.

SUBMITTED BY:

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL: _____

PRINCIPAL APPROVAL:

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by Germantown Education Foundation.

APPROVED BY: _____ Date: _____