

FAQs – PTA Teacher Grants



How do I receive my materials?

MES PTA is a funding source, but grant recipients must procure the approved items directly or work with the PTA for other arrangements if required. Please follow the instructions on your award letter regarding tax exemption, shipping, and how to submit receipts to MES PTA.

When do I have to complete the purchases with the grant funds?

MES PTA's fiscal year ends on June 30th. Please complete all purchases and submit receipts by end of May for full processing.

Can I apply for a grant to purchase technology or hardware?

Due to MTSD policy, MES PTA cannot purchase electronic/technological devices for the schools. Should you have questions about district policy, please ask a school official.

Can I apply for a grant to renew a terrific subscription or expand it to more students?

Unfortunately, MES PTA cannot fund renewals of subscriptions. Grants can only be issued for pilot trials of new software, materials, memberships, etc. Items that have become a part of the regularly planned curriculum cannot be funded through this process.

Can staff from different areas or classrooms apply for grants together?

Yes! Creative collaboration is encouraged to maximize the reach of funds!

A colleague in school applied for a grant last year and I love what they did.

Can I apply for the same thing for my classroom?

MES PTA encourages creative and new ideas. Please consider an original grant application for something that has not been done before. With that said, if your application would have a big impact or meets a need that was not previously recognized, please don't hesitate to apply even if it is similar to, or an expansion of, what was awarded in the recent past.

What are some reasons why a grant application might be denied?

While MES PTA would love to support each and every request, as always, funds are limited. Our grants committee prioritizes applications that are sustainable and have multipliers to reach as many students as possible. We also look for ideas that spark future innovation or bring brand new experiences to the schools. If, for example, your application is: duplicative of efforts that were made earlier, the outcomes of your application would impact a small population, or the cost of your application is higher than our budget can support, it unfortunately may not be successful.

Other questions? Please contact education@mespta.org

