Promise Grant Application

A grant program of the AEA Foundation for Teaching & Learning

**Promise Grants** offer opportunities for members to pursue small projects that are in the spirit of AEA’s mission—*Keeping the Promise of Quality Public Education.* Do you have an idea for an activity to ultimately improve student learning that advances one of the two strategic objectives designed to fulfill the AEA’s mission? They are:

I. Quality public education for every Arizona public school student
II. A viable organization through increased membership, strong and effective leaders and locals, and engagement of members

**GUIDING CONCEPTS:**
Each project must be initiated and implemented by an AEA member. Grants may be awarded for a broad range of projects that are designed to further one of the strategic objectives and ultimately improve student learning. Grants are available to AEA members only. They may not be administered by a school district.

**PROPOSAL FUNDING:**
Individual grants will be awarded for amounts between $100 and $1,000. Total funds available for grants through AEA is $2,000. A grant may not be used for capital equipment purchases.

**SELECTION PROCEDURES:**
Each proposal will be reviewed and rated by the AEA Board of Directors or their designated subcommittee. Decisions will be made by the Board of Directors, and the grantees will be announced and receive their grants at the AEA Foundation’s Salute to Excellence ceremony. The application must be signed by the local president.

**PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:**

**The Lego Storytelling Project**
Carolyn McCleary, Chandler Education Association

The Lego Storytelling Project sparks creativity and a love of writing in students. Students would build a scene with Legos and then use minifigures to tell the story. By building a scene first, the story would unfold naturally through the building process. Kids would plan, write, and film their stories using iPads. The Lego Storytelling kits could also be used with the fairy tale, community helper, and historical minifigures the school already owns in order to make videos about science and social studies topics.

**All Aboard History on the USS Midway**
Sheila Miller, Robin Stobbs & Lisa Pantermoller, Mohave Valley Education Association

The All Aboard History on the USS Midway project connects Mohave Junior High School students with U.S. history, the military, and those that served in the military and aboard the USS Midway aircraft carrier. They will meet veterans at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Rotary, Kiwanis, American Legion, or Auxiliary meetings. The program will culminate in an overnight trip to the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier and Museum in San Diego, including dining in the galley, sleeping in the sailors’ quarters, scavenger hunts, and other activities.
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Part I. Demographic Information

Project Contact Person ________________________________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ ST ______ ZIP ________________________

Phone: (w)  ____________________________________________  (h)  ________________________________________________

Work Email  _____________________________________________ Home Email  ________________________________________

Local Association _____________________________________________________________________________________________

School(s) Involved in Project ___________________________________________________________________________________

# of Association Members Participating in Project  __________________________________________________________________

(Attach names, position titles and addresses on separate sheet)

Projected Ending Date of Project ______________________________

Local Association President  ____________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Local Association President __________________________________________________________________________

Part II. Project Proposal On a separate piece of paper please answer the following questions:

Title of Project  ______________________________________________________________________________________________

35 Points  1.  What do you hope to accomplish through this project? What are the major outcomes you expect? Who will benefit by the project? How will it improve student learning?

25 Points  2. Which of the AEA strategic objective(s) will this support, and how?

15 Points  3. Timeline and budget

15 Points  4. How will you know if your objectives have been met? How will you evaluate the project?

10 Points  5. How will you share the results of your work and with whom?

Submitted by: ______________________________________________ Date:  ____________________________________________

This project is designed for:

☐ Elementary    ☐ Middle/Junior    ☐ Senior High

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

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