



# Bright Ideas Initiative

San Angelo Schools Foundation is excited to announce a new opportunity to give back even more to the students and teachers of SAISD. In addition to our Grants to Teachers program, we are launching another avenue of giving out funds called “Bright Ideas Initiative”. What differentiates Bright Ideas Initiative program from the Grants to Teachers program is that the application is open year round, and larger amounts of money can be given out if the submitted project is chosen. SASF is looking for ideas that are truly “out of the box experiences”, ideas that go beyond the typical classroom setting.

We encourage local non-profits, businesses and other organizations that may be willing to partner with us to help offer more opportunities for students. In the last few years, the San Angelo Performing Arts Center partnered with SASF to offer a free showing of “Journey to Oz”. For the last two years, we were able to give money to SAISD so they could hold a STEM camp, which students raved about! Bradford Elementary received funds from SASF to help start up the BAM (Books a Month) program.

We encourage the community to get involved with this new endeavor that has already enriched the lives of many SAISD students. They are our future and we look forward to helping inspire them on their educational journey.

Sincerely,

**Board of Directors**

San Angelo Schools Foundation



# San Angelo Schools Foundation Bright Ideas Initiative Applicant Instructions

**Program Overview:** San Angelo Schools Foundation advocates supporting innovative, original, creative, and advanced academic project opportunities benefiting all students of SAISD.

The number of Bright Ideas Initiatives awarded will depend on the merit of requests and the amount of funds available.

## **Eligible Applicants:**

- Individuals or Teams of SAISD who serve the district in a professional capacity that involves the instruction or service of students (e.g. principal, teacher, librarian, counselor, special education, transportation, trade, business, life skills, ag).
- Non-profits in San Angelo who want to provide students of SAISD with a creative and unique learning experience. Requests must be subject to SAISD Administration approval.

## **Eligible Requests:**

- Requests which promote innovative, creative, "out of the box experiences" or opportunities for students.
- Requests must cover a grade level, department and/or campus.
- Award recipients must complete the responsibilities listed with in this application within 60-days of project completion. Failure to submit the RESPONSIBILITIES of the applicant outlined could result in ALL awarded participants to be ineligible to apply for funding for the following year.
- Provide all other possible sources of funding and amounts.
- **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**NOTE:**

- o Funds may not be used to compensate teachers, staff, substitutes or SAISD employees.
- o Equipment/Technology alone will NOT be approved. It must be only one component of a well-planned project integrated with other activities.

**Award Levels:**

- A maximum of \$3000.00 will be awarded per request.

Note: An applicant may apply for an exemption to the stated maximum award levels. Additional documentation and written justification must be included. Requests for additional funding will be at the discretion of the Bright Ideas Initiative committee, and the San Angelo Schools Foundation Board of Directors.

**Application Process:**

- Application can be found at: [www.saschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.saschoolsfoundation.org)
- Prior to submission, applications are required to receive approval from the following:
  - o Campus Principal
  - o Approved Community Partner – if request includes
- Applications will be reviewed by the Bright Ideas Initiative Committee. The Committee will make the following recommendations:
  - \* fund the project
  - \* fund the project with revisions
  - \* fund the project in part
  - \* decline funding of the project
- If application is recommended for approval, the application will be presented to the San Angelo Schools Foundation Board for review and final approval.
- Applicants will be informed of the Board of Directors decision and receipt of their funds within 30 days from submission of application.

**NOTE:** All applicants who are not awarded will be notified.

### **Responsibilities of Award Recipients:**

- Be willing to speak to a member of the San Angelo Schools Foundation Board of Directors, if clarification is requested regarding your application.
- Submit all required receipts, documentation and evaluation 60-days from completion of project/request.
- Work with San Angelo Schools Foundation to schedule photographs and visits relating to the project request activities.
- Agree to share your projects success publicly. San Angelo Schools Foundation is to be recognized on all material and related PR.

### **Use of Funds:**

- All funds must be used for the project as defined in the approved submitted application .
- Project and responsibilities must be completed in the specified time frame or awarded funds may be requested to be returned to the San Angelo Schools Foundation

### **Remaining Funds:**

- Awarded funds in excess of itemized receipts must be returned to San Angelo Schools Foundation within 30-days from completion date of project.

### **Tips:**

- Read ALL documentation provided. Make sure the components of your request meet the eligibility requirements.
- Take time writing your request. Well-written, proof-read, jargon-free applications help the review committee make decisions based on the merits of your request.
- Projects will be considered if they incorporate community resources or collaborative efforts. Please include matching fund details in your request.
- Consider a project that provides experiences for students.
- Campus Principal approval and signature is required.
- Questions may be directed to:

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and

**Elizabeth Chambers**  
**elizabeth-chambers@hotmail.com**



**San Angelo Schools Foundation  
Bright Ideas Initiative  
San Angelo ISD Application**

**Part I: Project Cover Page**

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Request Coordinators/Writers:**

Name	Phone Number	Email Address

**Required Signatures:**

**Campus Principal/Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II: Project Overview

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Campuses: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

Department(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Serves primarily Special Education:    YES    NO

Target population to be served: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected number of students impacted by project? \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Funds Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there additional funding sources?    YES    NO (If yes please specify)

## **PART III: Project Details**

Attach additional pages if needed

1. What is the purpose of this request/project?
2. Describe how the request/project will be implemented.
3. How does your request/project support the Bright Ideas Initiative mission?
4. Project Partners (Identify any relevant community/school partners involved in the project and their role. Project partners are not required.)



