



# CCEF GRANT REQUEST

The Cabarrus County Education Foundation (CCEF) is dedicated to supporting student success by equipping teachers with resources that spark innovation, creativity, and real-world learning. We believe that strong communities start with strong schools, and today's classrooms lay the foundation for tomorrow's workforce. By investing in our educators, we not only enhance student learning but also help prepare young people with the skills they will need to thrive in life and contribute to the economic vitality of our community.

CCEF's Classroom Grants program provides PreK–12 teachers in Cabarrus County Schools with opportunities to implement projects that go beyond traditional school funding. These grants encourage educators to bring fresh ideas into the classroom, enrich learning experiences, and inspire students in ways that build confidence, critical thinking, and real-world skills.

## Types of Classroom Grants

- K-12 Classroom Grants (Back this Year) – Provides support for teachers across all grade levels and subject areas who wish to design and implement high-impact projects that enhance student learning and growth.
- Strick Dalton Innovation Grant – Honors Strick Dalton's legacy by recognizing the most innovative project proposal that transforms student learning through creativity and fresh approaches.
- Bert Thomas Storytelling Grant – Celebrates Bert Thomas's passion for storytelling by funding projects that use creative storytelling—through writing, performance, art, or other mediums—to enrich student voices and experiences.
- David Fitts Community Service Grant – Honors the giving spirit of David Fitts by supporting projects that engage students in meaningful service opportunities and help them understand the impact they can have on their community. This grant is limited to the following schools due to sponsor restrictions: Weddington Hills ES, Patriots ES, Pitts School Road ES, R. Brown McAllister ES, Rocky River ES, Wolf Meadow ES, CC Griffin MS, Winkler MS, JN Fries MS, Roberta Road MS, Central Cabarrus HS, Jay M Robinson HS and West Cabarrus HS.

Each of these grant opportunities reflects CCEF's commitment to empowering teachers, enriching student experiences, and connecting classroom learning to the broader skills and values that build strong futures for both students and our community.

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A CCEF GRANT

The Cabarrus County Education Foundation (CCEF) is proud to partner with Cabarrus County Schools educators to provide resources that help bring innovative, creative, and high-impact projects to life. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure your application is complete and eligible for review.

## Grant Eligibility

- Open to all PreK–12 teachers and staff directly involved in curriculum delivery within Cabarrus County Schools.
- Projects must directly impact student learning.
- Some named grants may have additional eligibility requirements and questions to answer (see grant descriptions below and application for details).

## Grant Awards

- Award amounts are up to \$1,000.
- Funds will be distributed directly to the recipient's school and must be used during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Recipients will be notified by the announced date.

## Application Requirements

1. Complete the full application form and ensure all questions are answered.
2. Secure your principal's signature before submission.
3. Applications must be legible, detailed, and proofread. Well-written proposals are more likely to be funded.
4. Avoid acronyms unless spelled out in full upon first use.
5. We do not fund equipment or technology directly. However, we will consider these items if it is written within the context of a specific student learning project. You may use the equipment for more than one project; however, select the most impactful project for the grant application.

## Submission Procedures

Submit your completed application by the stated deadline, **November 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**, via one of the following:

- **Email:** Amy.gough@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
- **Mail:** Cabarrus County Education Foundation, PO Box 388, Concord, NC 28026
- **CCS Courier:** Cabarrus County Education Foundation – Education Center
- **Hand Delivery:** Attention: Amy Gough, CCEF Education Center

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

## Grant Expectations

- Use funds during the awarded school year. Return any unused funds to CCEF by June 30, 2026.
- Provide photos and/or video showing the grant in action.
- Submit a final report by April 30, 2026 unless the grant will not wrap by this date then an extension will be made. As part of the final report, a financial report of expenditures will need to be submitted.
- Acknowledge CCEF in communications to parents and on social media (please tag @cabcccef).
- Be available for a potential classroom visit or short virtual interview to showcase your project.

## Grant Evaluation

- Applications are reviewed by a selection committee made up of Cabarrus County Schools administrators, CCEF board members, and community representatives.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on creativity, clarity, impact on student learning, and alignment with grant purpose.

## Questions?

Contact Amy Gough, Executive Director

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