

Financial Equity Grant Application 2025-26

While all our PTAs have a mission of supporting and enriching the educational opportunities and experiences in their communities, we recognize that there are varying levels of financial and volunteer resources accessible within those communities. LWPTSA Council will work to facilitate the voluntary sharing of resources among local PTAs in these ways.

General Information

1. Each year, LWPTSA Council, local PTAs and individual donors may contribute to the Financial Equity Grants restricted fund. These funds will be awarded to local PTAs that are members of LWPTSA Council 2.8 by a committee appointed by and under the direction of LWPTSA Council.
2. The funds may be used toward the purchase of supplies, equipment or experiences that will enhance the educational experience for students supported by the local PTA that applies for and is awarded the grant.
3. Approximately 75% of the funding available will be awarded through the initial grant process, and 25% will be reserved to respond to emergent requests throughout the school year. Any unawarded funds remaining at the end of one fiscal year will be part of the total funding available in the fall of the next fiscal year.
4. To apply for a grant, the following procedures have been established: (a.) The grant application will be submitted by the deadline set by LWPTSA Council (sometime near Nov. 1) to be considered for the initial approval round. Grants applications that are submitted later in the year must be for an emergent need and must allow up to a month for review and response.
(b.) The *LWPTSA Council Financial Equity Grant Application* shall serve as the main application, and applicants will work with a member of the review committee to gather any additional information needed. The form can be found on the LWPTSA Council website (www.lwptsa.net).

Proposals are evaluated on the following criteria; successful proposals will meet at least

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- Do the materials, equipment or experiences requested support either directly or indirectly the educational experience and/or safety of students in the school community?
- Does the acquisition of the requested item support the school in achieving its SIP goals?
- Does the grant request align with the mission and goals of the local PTA?
- Is the grant request for materials, equipment or experiences that are provided by a majority of PTAs in LWPTSA Council, but cannot be provided by the applicant due to lack of financial or volunteer resources?
- Does the funding requested supplement or extend the impact of the local PTA's investment?

Principles

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- Financial need of the local PTA and the community it supports will be given consideration (Title 1, free/reduced lunch, special circumstances).
- To facilitate the grant application process, the preliminary application asks for minimal information. A member of the review committee will serve as a coach to the applicant to gather the rest of the information needed for the committee to make a decision.
- Grants awarded will fund PTA programs or purchases; if the purchase requires the funds be granted to the school/district, the local PTA will administer that restricted donation.
- Grants cannot be requested to reimburse PTAs for programs already held.
- Grants are given for one-time use and are neither a promise nor a guarantee of future funding for any program.

Application Questions

Applicant/Local PTA:

Name and title of the PTA point-of-contact/leader:

Email and phone number of the PTA contact:

Supplies, equipment or experience being requested:

Total cost of program (How much will this cost to fund): \$

Total grant request (How much you need financial support with): \$

What is your PTA's current annual budget: \$

What is your PTA's approx. bank balance: \$

Other funding sources explored:

Anticipated number of students impacted (Doesn't have to be a big number):

Equity impact (Should include how this program relates to the goals and mission of your PTA):

Is your school and building administrator aware of your program plan and do you have their approval and/or support:

Are you able to initiate and/or complete this program in the current school year:

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The above information is all that is required to file your grant application. We will need the information below as well, but a member of our grant committee can assist you with obtaining this information. You are welcome to complete as much of the following as you'd like to submit with your initial application. Please note that signatures are required below.

Goals for the supplies/equipment/experience:

Expected outcomes:

Plan for evaluation:

Any special considerations (financial need, other):

Names/Signatures Required

PTA President: By signing here, I verify that the board of our PTA supports this grant application:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Building Principal:

Signature: _____ Date: _____