

# The SESLOC Education Grant

As a financial institution founded by local educators, SESLOC Credit Union has a strong commitment to education and strives to expand learning opportunity for students in San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties by supporting creativity and excellence in the teaching profession.

Each month SESLOC awards education grants for use in local K-12 schools, where they support and enhance education by expanding classroom level resources and supporting projects that support the Credit Union values of

- Cooperation
- Self-reliance and empowerment
- Responsibility
- Financial Literacy
- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Innovation
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

## Eligibility

Open to kindergarten through 12th grade classroom teachers and directors of enrichment programs at accredited schools within San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties.

## Funding Levels

Grants available in amounts up to \$500

## Deadline

Grant applications received during any calendar month are reviewed by the committee at the start of the following month. Teachers are notified of acceptance or denial by mid-month.

**NOTE:** If the “Date Funds Needed” entry on your application is earlier than the possible funding date, this can result in a denied application.

Applications may be submitted up to four months prior to project implementation.

## Return Application to

SESLOC Credit Union  
ATTN: Education Grant Committee  
P.O. Box 5360  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-5360

Email: [grants@sesloc.org](mailto:grants@sesloc.org)

## Need More Information?

Please contact Vincent Delgado | Education Outreach Manager  
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## Grant Criteria

Decisions are based on the following criteria:

- Enriches student overall learning experience or provides academic enrichment
- Provides learning experiences typically unavailable without private funding
- Supports learning in academic areas, such as English and literacy, science and technology, social science, math, the arts, music, and financial literacy.
- Well-defined, measurable objectives
- Creativity and innovation
- Number of students who benefit
- Clear implementation plan within the school year
- Meets all grant application requirements

## Application Requirements

Grant applications must be completed in their entirety and provide:

1. Detailed description of planned project
2. Explanation of the project's goals and objectives and how it will enrich student learning experiences or alleviate specific classroom needs or challenges.
3. Classroom books not provided by the school: Include a book list and indicate proposed use.
4. Clear evaluation plan that measures improved student performance based on project objectives.
5. Timetable for implementation and completion of the project by the end of the school year 6.  
Project budget: complete, detailed and correctly totaled. (If the project requires more than the maximum \$500 grant, provide an explanation of how additional monies will be obtained. Please provide any explanations or attachments that will document your efforts.)
7. Permission for SESLOC Credit Union to publicly use recipient's name, school name and/or photograph if grant is awarded
8. Signature of school principal acknowledging support for the proposed project or activity and certifying it meets all curriculum and education standards.

NOTE: Teachers may submit more than one application; however, they will be awarded only one grant per school year.

## Project Exclusions

Grants in the following categories are not eligible: fundraising events; annual off-site camp experiences\*; incentives and rewards; teacher's aides and staffing; training conferences or seminars; refreshments; clothing; programs which discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion, or support a particular political candidate or political agenda; projects that do not directly benefit students in the classroom. Flexible seating and special-use furniture is considered on a case-by-case basis.\*\*

\*Exceptions are considered for economically disadvantaged schools.

\*\*Priority is given to classroom projects.

# SESLOC Education Grant Application

Return this page with your documentation

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Principal \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing address, if different \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Date Funds Needed \_\_\_\_\_

(Funds may be requested up to \$500. See note about exceptions.)

## Proposed Use of Education Grant Funds

Please attach the following information:

- Describe your project in detail and explain how it will enrich and enhance your students' learning experience
- Describe your goals and objectives for the project
- Describe how you will measure the success of your project
- Provide an implementation timetable
- Indicate the date funds are needed
- Attach a correctly totaled project budget and explanation of expenses
- For projects that require additional funds for completion, provide a plan for securing these funds

## By signing below, I agree to the following:

Grant money is for the exclusive use of the grant recipient for the project described. I agree to comply with the program criteria and provide evidence of project completion as soon after project completion as possible, but not later than the end of the semester. I will provide an evaluation of the project, including progress made toward stated goals and objectives. You have my permission to use my name, my school name, and photographs if the grant is awarded.

If a grant recipient leaves, is transferred, or is unable to complete the project for any reason, it is up to the discretion of the school principal to award the grant funds to a replacement teacher in order to complete the project.

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Principal Authorization and Certification

I confirm that I have reviewed this application and all supporting documents. I certify that this project, along with any materials requested, meets the current education and curriculum standards and is appropriate for the grade level(s) indicated above.

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_