



Mississippi Professional Educators Classroom Grant Program

Mississippi Professional Educators invites its members to apply for our classroom grant funding to try out a new idea or buy the “extras” for an already great lesson plan or project. These classroom grants are intended to enhance classroom teachers’ instructional offerings or educational experiences for their students. MPE members may apply for one classroom grant per school year.

WHAT:

Grants up to **\$1,000** will be awarded to teachers or instructors to enhance their instructional program including: new projects or programs within the curriculum framework, expansion of an already existing unit, special events, supplies for professional development opportunities or parent involvement programs. (Grant funds cannot be used for capital supplies, food, furniture, parties, or travel expenses. Funding will not be provided for field trips or professional development fees.) All items purchased with MPE grant funding will become property of the school district.

WHO:

Any public or private school teacher, counselor, administrator, IHL or community college instructor who is an active member of MPE a minimum of one year immediately prior to the application deadline is eligible to apply. Funded grants are limited to one per classroom and one per teacher per school year.

HOW:

Completed applications must be scanned in and submitted as a PDF via email to Barbie@mpe.org. Applications must be signed by the submitting teacher and his/her school principal.

2026 Grant Deadlines: September 11, 2026 (Awarded by: October 14, 2026)

- All applications must be received in the MPE office by 4:30 p.m.
- Funding notifications will be given approximately four weeks after the application deadline.
- Please note that all classroom grant funding received in the 2026-2027 school year must be spent in that same school year.
- Four grant awards will be awarded in each of MPE’s eight membership districts and eighteen grants will be awarded to the highest ranked applicants in the remaining pool of applications (the state at large). If MPE does not have any applicants from a membership district or applications that meet minimal point requirements, MPE will award that grant to the next highest ranked applicant from the state at large. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the most years of MPE membership will be awarded the grant.
- As Article 4, Sections 66 and 96 of the Mississippi Constitution prohibit compensation to school employees when no services are rendered or paying more than the contractual amount, MPE will send the grant award to a member’s PTO, educational foundation, or community entity on the member’s behalf.

All decisions regarding grant awards are made by MPE and are final. All grant funds must be deposited within 60 days of the date of disbursement. All funds not deposited within 60 days will be forfeited.

A formal evaluation and photographs, as well as detailed final expenses, will be required for each classroom grant that is funded. Grant winners will also submit a brief write-up on their classroom grant project for publication in the *MPE Journal*. Failure to submit any of the above requirements by the grantee will result in denial of future applications.



2026 Mississippi Professional Educators' Classroom Grant Application

For MPE Office Use Only

MPE District: _____

Please follow these guidelines for your application to receive consideration:

1. Applications must be typed or printed legibly in black ink.
2. Email completed application and all required information by 4:30 p.m. on September 11, 2026, to barbie@mpe.org.

Date: _____ School Name: _____ School District: _____

Name: _____ MPE Member #: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Grade Level: _____ and/or Subject: _____

Telephone Number (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Project Name: _____

Amount Requested (up to \$1,000): _____

***All awards will be paid to the recipient approximately 2 weeks after notification of funding.

As Article 4, Sections 66 and 96 of the Mississippi Constitution prohibit compensation to school employees when no services are rendered or paying more than the contractual amount, MPE will disburse the grant funds to a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), educational foundation, or other community entity on your behalf. Please list the PTO, educational foundation or other community entity you prefer the grant funds to be disbursed to.

Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Project Description:

Please use a separate sheet (no more than 2 pages typed) attached to this cover sheet. Include:

1. Project Description (include timeline of project)
2. Need for Project (include curriculum objectives to be met)
3. Goal(s) of Project
4. Instructional Plan
5. Detailed Project Budget (May be submitted separately on 3rd typed sheet, if necessary)
6. How the Project will be evaluated (outcome(s))

Signatures Required: _____

Teacher

Principal