

### **Escondido Education Foundation Grant Applications 2025**

Need some \$\$\$ to implement an innovative or creative idea in your classroom or school?

## **Apply for a Mike Caston Innovation Grant!**

Grant applications have gone digital! Please, use this link: <a href="https://forms.gle/FFj6s4df83o3tVky5">https://forms.gle/FFj6s4df83o3tVky5</a> or scan this QR code to access the Google Form application.



The link is also available on the Escondido Education Foundation website: https://escondidoeducation.org/

We look forward to funding many applications this year. The deadline is Monday, November 3rd, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Checks will be dispersed in December at our "Grant Night."



Please watch this short video about our grants from Leila Sackfield.

Please, read the grant questions in this flyer so you can prepare your answers before submitting the form.

# Escondido Education Foundation Mike Caston Innovation Grant Application 2025 Find the form online to apply.

#### **Preview of Questions**

- Your First and Last Name
- Project Title
- Amount Requested:

\$500 for Single Class project \$2,500 for a Team or Grade Level project \$5,000 for a School-wide project

- Grade Level(s)
- Number of Classrooms participating
- Approximate number of students participating
- •**Project Summary:** Please write 1 paragraph to summarize your project. Keep to 250 words or less. 10 points
- •How is this project innovative or creative? These are the Innovation Awards, after all. Keep to 250 words or less. <u>30 points</u>

**Innovation:** To better understand "Innovation", please watch the video linked at the beginning of the application.

- •Student Needs: Explain the reasons why this project is so necessary for your student population. Use data, examples, and passion! Keep to 250 words or less. 10 points
- •Standards: Please, do not <u>only</u> supply the wording of the standards your project addresses. Instead, briefly explain how your project carries them out in narrative form. Be specific. Keep to under 250 words. <u>10 points</u>
- •**Project Plan:** Describe in detail how your project will be implemented. It should read similarly to a lesson/project plan with an introduction, implementation timeline, and evaluation. Limit it to 500 words or less. 40 points
- •Lasting Impact: Having a lasting impact is not a requirement to receive a grant, however, it is nice to know how this might impact your classroom, the school community, or students for years to come. Limit it to 250 words or less.
- •Budget: Use this link to a budget template to fill in a Google Sheet budget and then copy the link to that Google Sheet here. Remember to "share" the document with "anyone with the link".

- •Evaluation: You will be sent a request for a self-evaluation of your project in April. You'll need to respond per the directions and include receipts, photos, and/or videos. Also, we would love to be invited to your school to see the grant "in action". Failure to complete the end-of-the-year evaluation will impact future grant requests.
- •Co-applicant Signature: If this is a grant application that includes other employees (grade level team members, etc), please have them sign here to acknowledge their responsibility for carrying out this grant if funded.
- •Administrator Signature: Please, print a copy of your completed application to get your administrator's signature. Your administrator will send the copy to Rhonda Potter at the District Office as a hard copy back-up and evidence that they have approved this grant application. Failure to receive your administrator's signature will disqualify your application from consideration.
- •Budget worksheet Template: Be prepared to fill out this table. A copy will open when you click on the link in the grant application. You will need to save it and link it in the application.

Vendor	Item Description	Vendor Item#	Item Quantity	Cost per unit	Subtotal
				Total Cost	

## **Mike Caston Grant Application Check List**

This form is to assist you with filling in the grant application. We want every application to be eligible for funding.

1. Plan your answers to the application in another document so you can
copy and paste into the Google Form and not lose anything if there is a
connectivity issue. Here is a copy of the <u>questions</u> .
2. <b>Budget:</b> Plan what you want to buy with the grant award. Find out where you will buy it and how much it will cost. You will need to figure out tax and shipping for the budget template. When you open the budget template, it will be your own copy of the document. We don't have access to it unless you share it
with us and post that link in the application. If you don't give us access, your
application will not be read.
3. <b>Open the Grant Application</b> : Make sure you watch any videos/screencasts linked in the instructions. •Fill in your applications from your prepared answers.
4. When you fill in the application, it will send you a copy to your email. Use your EUSD email address in the application. Make sure to <b>print your application</b> for signatures from your administrator and any co-applicant.
5. <b>Deliver your printed hard copy with signatures</b> to the D.O. before Monday, November 3rd at 4PM.
6. Email Terri Price tprice@eusd.org if you have any questions.

## **Good Luck!**