

Grant Writing Tips

You don't need to be a professional grant writer to get a grant! Many organizations offer tip sheets, webinars, and online courses to help you learn how to put together a compelling grant proposal. We've selected some free online resources that are specially tailored to the needs of schools and school districts.

Learn About Grant Writing

Get started with this [overview](#) from **Education World**.

Vernier offers a concise, [step-by-step guide](#) to grant writing.

Pearson has a useful—and fun!—online interactive "[crash course](#)" in grant-writing best practices. (Their Grant Team will even provide a free review of your draft application!)

The Foundation Center's "Introduction to Finding Grants" course helps you understand what funders want you to tell them about your organization. It's available as a [recorded webinar](#) and a [self-paced eLearning course](#).

Key Takeaways for New Grant Writers



Read the funding guidelines carefully. Is this opportunity truly a match? Can you meet the requirements? Can you meet the deadline?



Discuss the grant opportunity with an administrator—your principal or superintendent. Make sure you have their support, because most grants require an administrator's signature.



Get clear on your objectives. What do you want to accomplish?



Be realistic about your budget. Don't promise more that you can really do in hopes of getting the award.



Write simple, direct sentences. Give lots of details—explain exactly what you plan to do, and what you expect the outcomes to be.



Enlist some colleagues to review what you write and give feedback.



Start early!