

The Education Alliance Results-based School- Business Partnerships GRANT

APPLICATION:

INTRODUCTION

Why this grant?

While students and their parents are the primary stakeholders in our education system, local employers and other businesses also have a vested interest in the success of schools and the achievement of students. The Education Alliance and Columbia Gas Transmission want to support Results-based partnerships that have a plan to enhance their work together.

Five grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to Results-based Partnerships who have a strong plan to enhance their partnership to benefit students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications will be accepted by mail, or E-mail, or online. Applications submitted via mail must be postmarked by February 17, 2005. Submissions must be received by February 17, 2005. A hard copy of the online application must accompany supporting material.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: www.educationalliance.org

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Applicants must provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their applications to receive notification that applications sent via mail are received. Receipt of online submissions will be sent via E-mail. Extensions to the due date will not be allowed.

TIMELINE:

January 3, 2006 Applications become available
January 3, 2006 – February 17, 2006 Application period
February 17, 2006 Application due date
February 17 – March 17, 2006 Application review period
March 22, 2006 Winning applicants notified

APPLICATION FORMAT GUIDELINES

- x Applications should be typed in black ink on 8.5 x 11 inch white or light paper.
- x Applications should include page numbers on each page.
- x Applications should be in 12-point font.
- x The essay portion of the application must not exceed 1,500 words.
- x Applicants should include their names in the top right-hand corner of each page of their application.
- x Applications are available at www.educationalalliance.org and online submissions are encouraged.
- x Applicants that submit applications by mail must include one original and four copies of the completed application form.

SUPPORTING MATERIAL

Applicants are encouraged to supply as much supporting material as they feel is necessary. Supporting material must be sent via mail, not electronically. A hard copy of the online application must accompany supporting material. Examples of appropriate supporting materials include newspaper and magazine articles, photographs, and printed materials such as brochures, pamphlets, etc. Please note that The Education Alliance cannot be responsible for any submitted items.

All submitted items will become the property of The Education Alliance and will not be returned to applicants.

APPLICATION

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION (SCHOOL)

Applicant Name:

Principal : _____

School Name (*please indicate if the school is Elementary, Middle, Junior High, or High School*):

Number of Students in School: School District: Number of Students in District:

Address:

City: State: Zip/Postal Code:

Daytime or School Phone Number: Fax Number:

Applicant's E-mail Address:

APPLICANT INFORMATION (BUSINESS)

Applicant Name: _____ Position: _____

Company:

Address:

City: State: Zip/Postal Code:

Daytime Phone Number: Fax Number:

Applicant's E-mail Address:

SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Please check the box below that best describes your partner organizations:

Education Partner (check one):

- Single School Group of two or more Schools School District

Business Partner (check one):

- Large Corporation Medium-sized Business Small Business Multiple Businesses

Please describe where the school or schools involved are located (if more than one school is involved, check all that apply):

- Rural Urban Suburban

What does your partnership support (check all that apply)?

- Classroom-based Learning Music Mentoring/Tutoring Programs
 After School Programs/Co-curricular Activities Arts Health and Fitness
 Professional Development for Educators/Faculty Support Athletics
 Educator and/or Student Reward and Recognition Efforts
 Other

Please check the box or boxes below that refer to the issues your partnership addresses (check all that apply):

- Academic Enrichment Community Building
 Parental Support/Involvement Technology in Education
 School Safety School Climate (school management, mental health and awareness, etc.)
 Career Exploration College Preparation
 Healthy and Active Lifestyles Substance Abuse Prevention
 Student Motivation/Self-Esteem

Please check the box or boxes below regarding the type of support the business partner contributes to the school or school district (check all that apply):

- Monetary Support Please indicate the approximate amount of support.
 Volunteer Support Please indicate the number of volunteers.

Please indicate the number of volunteer hours. _____

- Materials Please indicate the type of materials, i.e. books, school supplies, etc.

() Equipment Please indicate the type of equipment, i.e. computers, athletic equipment, score boards, etc.

() Business Expertise Please indicate the type of business expertise provided.

() Other Please explain.

Please provide a written description of the project proposal (maximum 1,500 words). The description should answer the following questions:

- 1) What are the objectives of the proposed project?
- 2) How will the project enhance the partnership and improve student performance?
- 3) Describe the proposed project.
- 4) How will the results of the proposed project be evaluated?
- 5) How will the business and school work together to achieve the objectives?

Budget: Monetary support needed to conduct project activities. (Maximum \$1,000)
If it is not obvious why these items are needed to conduct this project please explain.

Total must agree with "Budget request" "You must manually add columns"

Items	Supplies	(\$) Cost
Total		\$

Schedule of Project Events: Indicate duration – state number of weeks. Be as specific as possible about dates and times.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Principal

Date

Signature of Business

Date

**Application must be received by February 17, 2006. Return completed application and four copies to: The Education Alliance, P.O. Box 3071
Charleston, WV 25331 – 3071
Phone: 304 342-7856 Toll Free 1 866-31-4Kids
ralphmiller@educationalliance.org**

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applications will be judged according to the following criteria:

CATEGORY 1: FOUNDATION OF PARTNERSHIP (20%)

- x The partnership respects and reflects the culture and goals of both partners
- x The partnership supports the core mission of the school(s)
- x The partnership bolsters academic, social and physical well-being of students
- x Partners established clearly defined short - and long-term goals

CATEGORY 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT (35%)

- x The PROJECT provides students, teachers, and business employees with opportunities to interact at school, community, and business sites
- x Each school and/or school district involved in the partnership has appointed a point person to manage the PROJECT to ensure quality and alignment with educational goals for students
- x Partners have developed written descriptions of roles and responsibilities, accountability measures and guidelines for responsibilities of educators and business employees
- x The partnership provides appropriate training for all key personnel
- x Provide evidence that the PROJECT has defined specific, measurable outcomes:
- x The PROJECT is guided by a written collaborative agreement on outcomes, benchmarks and measures of progress

CATEGORY 3: GAINING SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY OF PROJECT (10%)

- x Provide evidence that the PROJECT has support at the highest level within the business and school(s), and concurrence at all levels:
- x The partnership is explicitly supported by teachers, employees and other constituents
- x Provide evidence that the PROJECT includes detailed internal and external plans which clearly communicate the expectations of all parties:
- x Communication about the PROJECT allows for opportunities for private and public recognition of both parties

CATEGORY 4: EVALUATION/IMPACT OF PROJECT (30%)

- x Provide evidence that the PROJECT was developed with clear definitions of success for all parties:
- x Measures for success were established at the outset of the partnership
- x The partnership is evaluated on a regular, agreed-upon basis
- x Evaluation includes collection and analysis of information to determine accomplishments, strengths and weaknesses of the PROJECT.
- x Provide details that demonstrate the impact of the PROJECT on student achievement

JUDGES MAY ALSO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING IN THEIR EVALUATIONS (5%)

UNIQUENESS OF PARTNERSHIP

- x Provide evidence regarding what sets the PROJECT apart from others:
- x The goals, structure, management and/or benefits of the PROJECT are unique

JUDGES:

Applications will be judged by members of The Education Alliance Partnerships Committee chaired by Sheree Parks Downey, Columbia Gas Transmission. Their decision will be final.

GRANTS:

Five partnerships from around the country will receive statewide recognition and the school will receive **\$1,000** to improve partnership efforts.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In addition to qualitative results, The Education Alliance encourages quantifiable results and supporting materials, including test scores, improved grades, increase in attendance, decrease in negative behavioral issues, increase in parental participation, etc.

THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING YOUR PARTNERSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE RESULTS-BASED SCHOOL AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS GRANT PROGRAM.