



## Stonington Education Fund

*“Expanding Opportunities...Supporting Innovation...Opening Minds”*

### 2021 Grant Application Procedures

#### **Stonington Education Fund**

The Stonington Education Fund (SEF) provides funding for educational enrichment programs and helps improve the quality of public education above and beyond conventional curriculum funded by local, state and federal sources. SEF supports and promotes innovative, educational endeavors aimed at encouraging creativity and excellence in teaching and learning. We invite you to visit us at <http://www.stoningtoneducationfund.net> for complete information about SEF and a listing of the grants that have been funded in recent years.

#### **Eligibility**

The Fund welcomes teachers, administrators, school professionals, and other educational providers in the town of Stonington to seek funding for projects by completing a Mini Grant or Apple Grant Application. SEF encourages collaboration between teachers, grade levels, parent organizations, and/or community organizations. A Grant Review Committee will review grant applications and make recommendations for funding to the SEF Board of Directors.

#### **Types of Grants**

Grants are awarded in two categories:

##### **Mini Grants**

Mini grants are funded to educators for enrichment projects and associated materials. Mini grants are typically in the amount of \$500.00 or less.

Mini Grant Applications are typically submitted in October.

##### **Apple Grants**

Apple grants are awarded for innovative programs that support multidisciplinary projects, technology, arts, and/or collaborative grade level, school level, and community enrichment projects. This category also includes “professional-in-residence” programs that bring skilled artisans or experts into the classroom.

Apple Grant Applications are to be submitted by April 30, 2021.

Apple Grant applicants may be contacted for further information about their proposed project.

SEF will notify Apple Grant applicants of its decision via letter.

Completed Apple Grant applications are to be submitted to:

Stonington Public Schools, Central Administration Office

Attention: Carissa Gullickson

[carissa.gullickson@stoningtonschools.org](mailto:carissa.gullickson@stoningtonschools.org)

### Grant Evaluation Criteria

The Grant Review Committee will consider the following criteria when reviewing each application:

0= Not At All

1= Minimal Extent

2=Strong Extent

3=Entirely

Are the funds requested reasonable and adequately justified?
Does the grant address learning in a creative and innovative manner?
Does the grant add depth to the curriculum?
Are the objectives of the grant clearly articulated and measurable?
Does the grant proposal identify an unmet educational need in the district?
Does the grant fulfill the need identified?
Does the grant have the potential of being self-sustaining?
Does the grant benefit a large number of students?
Does the grant address other funding?
Does the grant extend to the community of Stonington?

### Requirements of Grant Facilitator(s)

These requirements are in place to raise SEF's visibility in the community with the hope of securing additional public support to fund additional projects.

- A grant report must be submitted within one year of receiving the grant.
- Grant recipients will spotlight their project, and SEF's funding, in a school newsletter or through other applicable media.
- Any publicity regarding this grant and project must credit the Stonington Education Fund.

### Questions

Questions may be directed to the SEF Grant Committee at [info@stoningtoneducationfund.net](mailto:info@stoningtoneducationfund.net)