



## 2023 Classroom Educator Grant Application

If you had **\$1,000** to spend on manipulatives, tools, consumables, or technology, what would you purchase? What lesson would you teach? How would you teach a mathematics concept more effectively? What would you have your students create? What problem would you have your students solve? If you could do something new and different to promote student engagement and achievement in mathematics, what would you do? By applying for the 2023 Classroom Educator *math4life* Grant, mathematics classroom educators can be awarded additional funding to implement mathematics learning experiences focused on increasing student achievement and engagement.

The goals of the *math4life* Classroom Educator Grants are to fund mathematics learning opportunities that are designed (1) to promote student achievement and engagement, (2) to implement innovative teaching strategies, and (3) to emphasize grade-level mathematics content. The West Virginia Department of Education encourages and supports academic activities that motivate and challenge students in addressing grade-level mathematics, implementing the Mathematical Habits of Mind, and developing mathematical mindsets. **Awardees will be expected to share exemplar lesson plan(s) and a reflection. The lesson plan(s) may be shared on the WVDE *math4life* website or the WVDE's professional learning platform.**

All *math4life* 2023 Classroom Educator Grant applications, budget proposals, and signature sheets will be reviewed by the grant approval committee. Any questions regarding the grants should be directed to Teresa Bailey at [teresa.bailey@k12.wv.us](mailto:teresa.bailey@k12.wv.us), Tim Flatley at [tflatley@k12.wv.us](mailto:tflatley@k12.wv.us), or Joseph Mastracci at [jmastracci@k12.wv.us](mailto:jmastracci@k12.wv.us).



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF  
**EDUCATION**

## GRANT GUIDELINES

The *math4life* Classroom Educator Grant provides awards of up to \$1,000 and can be used to purchase manipulatives, tools, or technology that supports mathematics activities and projects in the classroom.

- ◆ Eligible applicants must be a pre-k through grade 12 West Virginia public school educator and currently teach at least one section of mathematics.
- ◆ Mathematics educators at Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers are encouraged to apply.

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR GRANTS

- ◆ The committee will consider a proposal that (1) promotes student engagement and achievement, (2) displays innovation, and (3) provides a plan that can be replicated by other educators.
- ◆ The committee requires a proposal to include a list of needed materials.
- ◆ The committee considers a proposal designed to address grade-level mathematics content standards and the Mathematical Habits of Mind.
- ◆ The committee uses the rubric found at the end of this document to review the proposals.

## GRANTS MAY NOT BE USED FOR:

- ◆ Travel, presenters, or substitutes
- ◆ Subscriptions
- ◆ Prepackaged programs
- ◆ Stipends

## APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Applications for grants will be submitted through Microsoft Forms. Proposals must include a budget, project overview, and signature sheet. The signature sheet must be printed and signed by the applicant, principal, county treasurer, and superintendent. The signature sheet must be scanned and uploaded electronically via [Microsoft Forms](#).

### **Application Link**

While the application worksheet can be used in drafting a proposal, the application worksheet will not be accepted as your formal application. The application worksheet may be found on the *math4life* website under the Educators tab. All responses must be submitted in the appropriate sections on the Application Link. Applicants must be logged onto the Office 365 account to access the Form.

Applications should be submitted using the Application Link by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023**. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** All applications are evaluated using the rubric at the end of this document.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Develop responses on the [application worksheet](#) and have them ready when you access the Application Link. Use the rubric on the next page when developing your proposal.

A reflection and final lesson plan(s) are due to WVDE by **Thursday, February 29, 2024**. Please be aware the lesson plan(s) may be published on the WVDE *math4life* website or WVDE's professional learning platform as a resource for West Virginia mathematics educators. The grant will be sent to the county board office and earmarked for the awardee's use only. The funds must be spent using county purchasing procedures.

## 2023 math4life Classroom Educator GRANT EVALUATION

Please refer to the following criteria when considering your application for the grant.

Criteria	3 Points	2 Points	1 Points	0 Points
<b>Innovative</b>	The proposal is creative, original, and redefines learning experiences that would not be otherwise possible.	The proposal is creative and has a fresh take on an existing idea. Learning experiences are enhanced because of this initiative.	The proposal is creative but not original. Learning experiences are enhanced because of this initiative.	The proposal lacks creativity and originality. Learning experiences are not enhanced because of this initiative.
<b>Grade-level Standards</b>	The proposal effectively develops student mastery of grade-level mathematics content standards and the Mathematical Habits of Mind.	The proposal sufficiently develops student mastery of grade-level mathematics content standards and the Mathematical Habits of Mind.	The proposal minimally addresses grade-level standards in mathematics.	The proposal does not align to grade-level standards in mathematics.
<b>Student Achievement and Engagement</b>	The proposal directly addresses practices that improve engagement and achievement for all students in mathematics.	The proposal addresses practices that improve engagement and achievement for most students in mathematics.	The proposal addresses practices that could improve engagement and achievement for students in mathematics.	The proposal addresses practices that have minimal effect on engagement and achievement for students in mathematics.
<b>Lesson Adaptability and Replication</b>	All educators will be able to use the provided project plan description and materials list in order to duplicate this lesson, or lessons, in their own classrooms.	Educators will be able to use the provided project plan description and materials list with support to duplicate this lesson, or lessons, in their own classrooms.	With additional planning, educators will be able to use the provided project plan description and materials list in order to duplicate this lesson, or lessons, in their own classrooms.	Educators will find it difficult to use the provided project plan description and materials list in order to duplicate this lesson, or lessons, in their own classrooms.

**Due Date: 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

**All grant awardees will be notified on February 28, 2023**

## 2023 math4life Classroom Educator GRANT BUDGET

**Project Budget Instructions** - Please provide an itemized budget for this project. Include manipulatives, tools, or technology to be ordered or purchased. When drafting this budget, please ensure that your budget is in alignment with your county's purchasing rules.

<b>Project Budget</b>			
If more room is needed, feel free to attach additional information when submitting the application. Please note: shipping & handling CAN be included in your request			
Proposal Title:			
School Name:		Educator Name:	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Item	Cost per item	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>Total Funds Requested from WVDE:</b>			

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## Signature Sheet

**Instructions** - Please complete this sheet, sign, scan, and upload the scanned document through the file upload in the Application Form Link.

Proposal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Funds Requested from WVDE: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Educator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Educator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I indicate that I intend to follow all county purchasing procedures and to use these funds in the manner described.*

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I indicate that I am aware of this grant application and will assist in following all county purchasing procedures and use these funds in the manner described.*

County Treasurer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County Treasurer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I indicate that I am aware of this grant application and will assist in following all county purchasing procedures and use these funds in the manner described.*

Superintendent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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