

Teaching Tolerance Grant Program

Teaching Tolerance offers grants of \$500 to \$2500 to preK-12 classroom teachers for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from other community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact.

TYPES OF GRANTS FUNDED

Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance encourage intergroup relations and tend to be:

- Small-scale, resourceful and student-focused
- Focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, or other aspects of tolerance education
- Clearly defined, well-integrated and related to students' own life experiences
- Creatively resourceful and economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers and in-kind contributions wherever possible
- Embedded, rather than one-time-only, events or activities that impact student and educator attitudes of discrimination and bias.

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Teaching Tolerance funds projects that promise the most direct and immediate student impact. For this reason, salaries, stipends, overhead costs, travel expenses, food items and computer hardware are not normally within the realm of funding. Field trips or speaker fees will be considered for funding, but they should not comprise more than 25% of the budget and should support a broader scope of experiences. When a Teaching Tolerance grant is a fraction of a much larger proposal, or is sought to underwrite the cost of other tolerance-related programs, funding is unlikely.

CONDITIONS

If your proposal is accepted, you will receive report guidelines and be asked to submit a report telling how the project was implemented and the effect it had on your students, school and community. We assume permission to write (or ask you to write) about your project for possible publication in *Teaching Tolerance* magazine or other Southern Poverty Law Center materials.

NOTIFICATION

We will respond in writing to all applicants.

Please allow for a 12-week processing time when planning your project.

APPLICATION

To apply, complete the grant application and mail the required attachments to

Teaching Tolerance Grants
400 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104

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Submitting Grant Proposals

- There is no deadline for proposals
- Grants are restricted to one per applicant or school per school year
- Grants are not renewable
- Application materials are non-returnable
- All proposals must be submitted on a completed Teaching Tolerance Grant Application Form.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All proposals must contain one contact person, a completed application form, and a three-page (maximum) description which includes:
 1. **Brief project abstract:** Describe the project in a few sentences.
 2. **Project narrative:** Explain your motivation, methods, the anticipated impact of the project, methods of evaluation, how the activities will be integrated throughout the year- rather than one-time only lessons, and how the project will be shared with other educators. When reviewing proposals, we look for clear and specific objectives and implementation strategies that establish the need for the requested resources and support widespread replication and continued use. We encourage projects that are resourceful, student-centered, and sustainable.
 3. **Detailed budget:** Provide information about how proposed expenditures and resources will meet goals. Teaching Tolerance generally funds projects that promise the most direct and immediate student impact. Therefore, salaries, stipends, overhead costs, travel expenses, food items and computer hardware are not normally funded.

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GRANT APPLICATION

WWW.TEACHINGTOLERANCE.ORG

MAIL MATERIALS TO: TEACHING TOLERANCE GRANTS 400 WASHINGTON AVE MONTGOMERY, AL 36104

Contact name _____ E-mail address _____

School or institution name _____

School or institution address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Home address/phone _____

Grant project title _____ Amount requested \$ _____

Number of students participating _____ Project time frame _____

SUBJECT AREAS

- Creative Arts Language Arts Math/Science Social Studies
 Extracurricular Interdisciplinary Policy

GRADE LEVELS

- Early Middle Upper Professional Development

TOLERANCE TOPICS

- Ability Conflict Resolution LBGTQ Gender Immigration and Migration Intergenerational
 International Race and Ethnicity Religious Diversity Health Social Activism & Change Other

GENRES

- Character/Moral Education Conflict Resolution/Bullying Multiculturalism Cooperative Learning
 Discussion Groups Events (fairs, conferences) Partnering (mentors, buddies) Service Learning

Describe the need that will be met through this project

Tolerance-related goals

Submit a sequentially ordered description of the project limited to a total of three double-spaced 12-point pages. Include abstract, project description, line item budget (See Grant Guidelines for details)

How did you hear about the TT Grant Program? (for statistical purposes only, identify source)

Internet website _____ Newspaper/Magazine _____ Other _____

Applicant signature _____ Position _____ Date _____

Superintendent, supervisor or principal's signature _____ Title _____