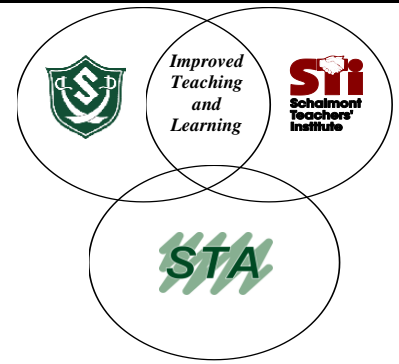


IDEA

INNOVATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT



What is an IDEA Grant?

An IDEA Grant is a written proposal for an innovative approach to learning that strives to meet the NYS Standards and increase student performance and learning. IDEA Grants may also be awarded for an individual expression of educational expertise or learning experiences that renew a professional, thereby enhancing learning conditions and outcomes for students. The grant application is submitted to a committee of teachers and administrators for review, evaluation, and analysis.

There are two types of IDEA Grants:

Traditional Grants have a maximum award limit of \$10,000.

An interview with the IDEA Grant Committee is required.

Mini-Grants have a maximum award limit of \$2,500.

An interview with the IDEA Grant Committee is *not* required.

Who can apply for an IDEA Grant?

Individuals or groups of teachers who are members of the Schalomt Teachers' Association bargaining unit are eligible to apply for **one** IDEA Grant each school year. Grant recipients, who do not successfully complete their IDEA Grant as per the IDEA Grant application procedures and guidelines, are not eligible for any future grants. There will be no deadline extensions.

Where can I get an application?

Grant applications are available online from the STA Website, www.schalomnta.org. Applicants must follow the steps outlined in the IDEA Grant Application and submit the application to the IDEA Grant Committee prior to application deadlines. Failure to follow guidelines as outlined could result in the application being returned or denied.

2011-2012 Fall

Application Deadline: October 21, 2011

Interviews: November 7 & 8, 2011 (Interviews are for Traditional Grants, only)

Completed Grants Due: January 5, 2012

2011-2012
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