The Nadaburg Education Foundation Teacher Grant Program is for the certified staff members of the Nadaburg Unified School District. This competitive process provides funding for teachers to design and implement exciting learning events designed to enhance and enrich the classroom experience. All proposals must be project or process based. They should: a) contain higher order thinking skills, b) be aligned to the district’s curriculum map, and c) be appropriate for the grade level being considered. As a matter of note: if you have received a grant from a different organization and need funds to finish or add to that grant, you could do so with this grant. The **deadline for application in the fall semester is Wednesday, January 11th, 2017.**

Funding will be awarded to selected recipients for amounts up to $1,000 per campus with a $500 maximum grant to an individual teacher or group. Proposals cannot be used for salaries or tuition, and **only one application from an individual or group will be accepted per school year. Duplicate applications will be disqualified.** Supplies and materials purchased from Innovative Project funds will stay with the school if the grant recipient leaves that school. Previous winners in the first semester will not be eligible. Winners must score 80% or higher on the rubric.

## Project Application and Approval Process

* Signed applications are due **no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017.** Funds should be available by November 10th, 2015 and must be spent before the end of the 2015/2016 school year.
* The application has three parts:
1. Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (2 page maximum)
3. Budget Justification
4. Final Report at end of project (save your receipts).
* **The application must be typed using a legible font no smaller than 12 point**. Cover sheets should be attached and the proposal cannot exceed **two** pages in length. The Budget Justification sheet should clarify all proposed expenditures.
* Submit the application to your principal for endorsement and approval.
* The Principal will sign the application and forward it to the Nadaburg Unified School District office. Applications will then be mailed or emailed to the Nadaburg Education Foundation President, Ben Goodman. Late applications will not be accepted.
* Innovative Project funds recipients may be asked to showcase their activity within the school / district and to assess the effectiveness of their activity upon completion

All teachers, preK-8th grade, are encouraged to apply. An impartial panel of judges made up of Nadaburg Education Foundation members will read the applications and rate them according to the following criteria.

If you think you would like to apply but need help starting or if you have any questions, call Ben Goodman at (602) 625.6630 or e-mail him at ben@bgoodman.com .

### Criteria for Judging Proposals

Each of these items will be scored from 0-2 points in half point increments. Proposals will be rank ordered and considered for the Innovative Projects.

#### Project Overview: (This is your opportunity to explain clearly what it is you want to do.)

* project or process based
* Focused on higher-order thinking skills
* States/explains the activity goal
* Relevant for student learning
* Steps are clearly described

Project Objectives: (This is your opportunity to explain the learning outcomes for the students and how these will be measured.)

* Relate directly to student’s achievement
* Can be accomplished with resources provided by grant funds
* Are measurable in terms of student learning.

Project Evaluation: (This is your opportunity to explain how you will know if your objectives were met.)

* Presents a plan for evaluating the accomplishment of objectives
* Specifies who will complete the evaluation
* Clearly states criteria of success

###### Budget—Must include tax & shipping costs

 A maximum of 2 points will be awarded for the following criteria.

* Specifies detailed budget expenditures to support student activities and the budget contains no unexplained amounts (i.e. Miscellaneous).
* Number of students served is given.

**The Last Step**

**Final Report**

If your proposal is selected, you must turn in a final report at the completion of your grant program, giving a brief report about the grant and turn in your receipts for the project.