



Classroom Champions Program Application

Supporting Education and Non-Profit Organizations

The Valley Telephone Cooperative Foundation (Valley) provides financial support to educational and other tax-exempt nonprofit organizations within Valley's service areas to strengthen the communities it serves by investing in local schools, students, families, and charitable organizations. Through the Classroom Champion Program, the Foundation supports rural educators by funding classroom resources, instructional tools, and hands-on learning materials that enhance student engagement, encourage innovative teaching practices, and improve academic outcomes.

Eligibility

Educators from public or private schools located within Valley's service areas are eligible to apply. Awarded funds will be released directly to the school identified on the application.

Application Process

Interested educators should submit an application detailing requested funding for classroom resources, instructional tools, and hands-on learning materials that support student engagement and academic success, along with a detailed budget.

Submit applications to Ana Nieto at Ana.Nieto@teamvtg.net. 520-384-9000

Selection Criteria

The Valley Telephone Board of Directors will evaluate each application using criteria that reflect Valley's commitment to customer focus, local dedication, quality, teamwork, and forward thinking, including but not limited to:

- **Community Benefit and Customer Impact:**
The extent to which the project delivers a positive, meaningful impact on students, educators, or the broader community and enhances the overall experience for those it serves.
- **Local Relevance and Community Alignment:**
How well the project supports local educational goals and addresses the needs of the rural communities within Valley's service areas.
- **Quality and Budget Effectiveness:**
The clarity, feasibility, and responsible use of funds to ensure the project is well-planned, achievable, and delivers high-quality outcomes.
- **Organizational Readiness and Collaboration:**
The applicant's ability to successfully implement, manage, and sustain the project through effective planning, communication, and teamwork.
- **Innovation and Forward Impact:**
The degree to which the project demonstrates creative thinking, introduces new ideas or approaches, and supports long-term positive outcomes for the students.

Applicant Information

Instructions: Please type your answers and attach any supporting documents. Failure to respond to every question may result in delay in consideration or denial of the application.

School Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Name:

Title

Phone:

Email:

Prior Funding

Have you received funding from the Foundation before?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide date and amount of the last donation.

Project Information

The funds requested from the Foundation are specifically designated for materials and costs directly related to the outlined project. Please provide details about the intended use of the funds.

Project Title:

Requested Amount:

\$

Estimated Start Date of the Project:

Estimated End Date of the Project:

Project Overview

Provide a concise description of the project, including the purpose and intended use of the funds and key activities.

Who will benefit from this project? Who are the target beneficiaries and in what service area?

Project Overview

Total Project Budget:

Funds Secured to Date:

Are invoices or estimates for the proposed project attached?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain.

Agreement

By signing the application, I acknowledge that:

- Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to provide photo and/or video documentation of the project. Any media submitted may be used in Valley publicity.
- Funds awarded through this application will be released directly to the school listed on the application, not to the individual applicant.
- One application is permitted per educator, per school year and that schools may receive multiple awards limited to one per educator.

Acknowledgement

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete.

Printed Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date