



Education Experience Program Application

Supporting Education and Non-Profit Organizations

The Valley Telephone Cooperative Foundation (Valley) supports educational and other tax-exempt nonprofit organizations within its service areas to strengthen rural communities. Through the Educational Experience Program, the Foundation funds field trips, STEM activities, and enrichment opportunities that expand learning beyond the classroom and broaden horizons for rural youth.

Eligibility

Funds are available to charitable and other tax-exempt entities within Valley's service area, including school districts, tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education. Eligible private organizations must be exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and be located in, and provide services within, Valley's service area. For school-related projects, awarded funds will be distributed directly to the school identified on the application.

Application Process

Interested organizations should submit an application that outlines the project or initiative, its expected impact on the community, school or class, and a detailed budget breakdown. 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 community.

Applicant Information

Instructions: Please type your answers and attach any supporting documents, including a Form W-9, if applicable. Failure to respond to every question may result in delay in consideration or denial of the application.

Name of
Organization/School:

EIN/Tax ID

Mailing Address:

City

State:

Zip:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Prior Funding

Have you received funds from the VTC
foundation before?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please
provide the
date and
amount.

Proposal 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.

Additional Sources of Funding

List other funding partners and amounts.

Recognition

Describe how the foundation will be acknowledged (e.g., signage, media, events, decals, social media)

Media Agreement

By signing the application, I agree to:

- Credit Valley in all publicity, advertising, and public notification about this project with the following credit line and Valley logo (which will be provided): "Funded by a Valley Foundation donation."
- Promote this donation on social media platforms (i.e. Twitter/X, Facebook, Instagram), tag #Valleyfoundation, and your school/organization. Media posts and photos may be used in Valley Publicity.
- Ensure that any student represented in photos or media is allowed to be photographed and have their photograph shared on public platforms. An Image Authorization Release Form must be signed for any photo/video subjects included in any media provided to Valley.
- Provide photo and/or video documentation of this project, in the manner requested by Valley (i.e. Google upload), and in the highest quality possible, of my project in action.
- Provide a final report on the outcomes of this project to Valley within 30 days of the project completion.
- That only 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