



Show Me The Money!

Writing an Economics Arkansas
Economics Education Grant



Why does Economics Arkansas offer a grant?

The Economics Arkansas grant program offers teachers, in both public and private school settings, and opportunity to integrate economics and personal finance into existing PreK-12 curricula.



Building a Viable Grant Application

- Deadlines are important
- Follow directions
- Complete each section
- Be specific and detailed
 - Much of the grant committee are NOT educators

The Application

First Impressions Matter

- Use complete names, titles, and addresses
- Spelling counts
- Double check emails and phone numbers for accuracy

ECONOMICS ARKANSAS
Education for Real Life

Economic Education Grant
School Year 2014-2015
Application Form

Please provide the following information and submit to the Economics Arkansas office. Applications must be received by September 19, 2014 to be considered. Grant applicants will be contacted by October 10, 2014 regarding the status of the application.

Title of unit _____

Grant request \$ _____ **Date** _____

Grant funds should be made payable to: _____

Applicant 1: _____

Email Address _____ **School Phone ()** _____

School District _____

School _____

School Address _____ **Principal** _____

County _____

Teaching assignment (grade level & subject area) _____

Recent participation in Economics Arkansas programs: _____

Teachers can partner to receive a grant. (limit of 2 per application)

Applicant 2: _____

Email Address _____ **School Phone ()** _____

School District _____

School _____

School Address _____ **Principal** _____

County _____

Teaching assignment (grade level & subject area) _____

Recent participation in Economics Arkansas programs: _____

Please complete the following. Attach additional pages as needed.

One Applicant?
Complete the highlighted portion.

Two Applicants?
Complete the entire page.



Providing an Overview

- What are you going to do?
- Why is it important?
- What do you hope to achieve?

Participating Students

- How many students?
- What age?
- What grade levels?
- What subjects?
- What are the student demographics?
- What is your teaching situation? (Title 1 school, GT, Regular Classroom, Special Education, etc.)

Student Benefits

- Why is this project important?
- What do you hope the students take from the project?

The Chronology

- Share the timing of your project
- Describe the activities
- Highlight the Economics

How Grant Money is Used

- Review the requirements
 - YES!
 - Consumables (paper, markers, printer ink, etc.)
 - Curriculum
 - Books
 - Magazine or newspaper subscriptions
 - Field trips (up to \$250)
 - So many other things...
 - NO
 - Technology
 - Meals while on field trips

Goals & Objectives

- Be specific.
- What are the students going to gain from this project?

Economic Content

- This is IMPORTANT!
- This should reiterate the economics highlighted in your chronology.
- Use the Arkansas frameworks.

Evaluation

- What assessment instruments are you going to use?
 - Pre/post tests
 - Formative assessments
 - Anecdotal records
 - Journals
 - And the list goes on and on
- How will you know you accomplished your goals?

The Budget

- Be descriptive if you can't be specific
 - For example: small toys such as yo-yos, paddle ball, jacks, is better than small prizes
- Title and author of books you're considering. (Marsha and I are always looking for new children's literature!)
- Titles of videos and curricula.
- Field trips:
 - Where are you going?
 - What is the money paying for? Bus, entry fees, gas, etc.

Finishing the Grant

We've all gotten distracted in the middle of a project and left things out when we returned. SO....

- Have a friend or two read the grant for typos, spelling, and grammar errors.
- Set it aside for a day or two and reread it. Does it say what you want it to say?
- Send it to me EARLY and I'll read it and offer suggestions.

Have the principal sign it and put the Economics Exchange on the calendar.

Turn it in!

- Email it to jennifer@economicsarkansas.org
- If you don't receive confirmation of its receipt in 24 hours, email it again!