

2019 Social and Emotional Learning Innovation Awards Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Eligibility

Can non-profit organizations apply for an Innovation Award?

We welcome applications from a teacher/non-profit partnership or district/non-profit partnership, but we require the lead applicant to be a teacher (for teacher-led awards) or district staff person, per our Request for Proposals (RFP) found [here](#). This can also include a partnership across districts and charter schools/networks if the project will happen in more than one place at once.

Can a counselor or principal apply for a Teacher-Led Innovation Award?

No. The lead applicant for the teacher-led awards must be a teacher. Counselors, administrators and other staff can be part of the project team, but not the lead applicant.

Does a teacher have to be the lead applicant for a District-Level Award?

No. Any employee of the district can be the lead applicant for a district-level application.

Can I apply for a teacher award if my district is also applying for a District-Level Award?

Yes. Multiple teachers from the same school or district are also welcome to apply.

My district is very small, with only three schools. Are we eligible to apply for a District-Level Award?

We are defining district as any work that spans multiple schools. If your work spans multiple schools within a district or across districts, you are eligible to apply. Charter schools that have an elementary and a middle school are welcome to apply, even if both are in the same building.

If I apply for a two-year grant, does that make me ineligible for a one-year grant?

No. We will select a small number of two-year grants (both teacher-led and district-level) from the applications that have indicated their interest in applying for a two-year grant. All applications will be considered for one-year grants even if they did not apply for or get selected for a two-year grant.

Application Form

Can I save my application to return to it before I submit?

Yes! Once you create a log-in, you can save your responses and log out. You can return any time before the deadline.

How long should my answers be?

Individual question guidelines are in the online application form.

If I don't submit a video or attachments, will that hurt my application?

No. Videos and attachments are optional and will be reviewed as part of your complete application.

I have a video or attachments that were produced for another purpose. Can I use these as part of my application?

Yes. Please provide context in your application so that our reviewers understand how these materials fit into the scope of your Innovation Award application.

When is the deadline?

No applications will be accepted after 11:59pm PT on Friday, March 22, 2019.

Additional Questions?

Please send any questions about the RFP or application process to InnovationAwards@education-first.com.