



NORTH YELLOWSTONE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Connect! Grant

How to apply and other helpful tips

Connect! Grants are our classroom grants program. They support projects that fill educational gaps, promote health and wellness, and reach a wide range of students. Connect! Grants are community-driven (meaning they respond to community needs), community-funded, and community-evaluated (meaning a committee of community members chooses which projects to fund).

Connect! Grants are evaluated three times a year, at the end of the first three school quarters (October 26, 2025, January 18, 2026, and March 29, 2026). These grant funds are reimbursable upon receipt of a final report.

Primary NYEF point person for this year's Connect! Grants is Laura Chastain, admin@gardinernyef.org

To apply for a 2025-2026 Connect! Grant, you must fill out the online Google Form, which can be found [here](#). NYEF is a small organization doing big things, and by applying online through our Google Form, we can streamline our application process, which makes it easier to share/review applications with our selection committee, board, and supporters. After you complete your form submission, you will receive an email with a copy of your responses. If you do not receive this email, your form was not fully submitted.

To help you prepare for your [online application](#), I've included the questions we will be asking below. We would recommend that you complete these questions in a document on your computer and then cut and paste them into the form. After you complete the form, you will get an email with your response. If you do not get an email, your form was not fully completed and will not be evaluated.

Basic Questions

- 1) Project Title
- 2) Name of your Organization
- 3) Name of Project Contact person
- 4) Email of Project Contact person
- 5) Full mailing address of project contact person
- 6) Phone number of project contact person

- 7) Amount requested
- 8) Project Start Date
- 9) Project completion date
- 10) Does your project take place in the Gardiner Resort Area tax district? Click [here](#) to view Gardiner Area Resort Tax District.

Grant Specific Questions you will be asked in the online application

- 1) Please provide a detailed project description, including the purpose, goals, and objectives for this project. (Limit 300 words)
- 2) Our mission is to work with the community to build sustainable support and enhance innovative educational opportunities for students, teachers, and community members in partnership with Gardiner Public Schools. Please explain how your project fits within our mission. (Limit 200 words)
- 3) Statement of Need: Why is your project needed? Why is this funding not available elsewhere? What educational gaps will this project fill? (Limit 200 words)
- 4) Statement of Impact: Who will this project serve? How many people will be impacted by this project? Please explain what impact you hope to make. (Limit 200 words)
- 5) Which category encompasses your project? (Choose one) (Supplies/equipment, Curriculum, Guest Speaker/Event, Staff, Other)
- 6) What would happen if full funding were not available? (Select all that apply) (The project would not occur. /The project would be viable but reach fewer students/teachers. /The project would be viable but scaled down in some way.
- 7) What other funding sources have been explored?
- 8) Attach Project Budget Template – which can be found [here](#).

To learn more about Connect! Grant projects we have funded in the past visit our website at <https://www.gardinernyef.org/connect-grant> and see our recaps at the bottom of the page.

Important Dates 2025-2026 Connect! Grants

Cycle 1 applications due October 26, 2025

Cycle 2 applications due January 18, 2026

Cycle 3 applications due March 29, 2026

Final reports for all projects are due May 10, 2026

For additional questions, please contact Laura Chastain at admin@gardinernyef.org