

**To: All Minnesota schools and 501c3 organizations:**

**Re: Innovation Grants**

The Jeffers Foundation fosters “*Environmental Stewardship Through Outdoor Education.*” It is our mission to help teachers instill a love of the natural world in their students. We believe students who receive powerful experiences with nature-based lessons will grow to love and care for our beautiful planet. We believe these experiences can last a lifetime. Jeffers Foundation is offering a limited number of **up to \$5,000.00 grants to schools or 501c3 organizations** throughout the state that have new ideas or programs that support these ideals. These might be referred to as “outside the box” ideas. If your request results in a grant, we plan to share your experience with other educators throughout Minnesota. See the school garden videos on our website for examples of how we might share your project. Funds must be used within two years of receipt. Please complete the attached application form and return it to us no later than **December 31, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed and grants awarded throughout the year. Only one Innovation Grant per school or 501c3 institution will be granted per year. If you have any questions please contact:

**Galen Erickson, Jeffers Foundation**

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## School Information

Contact name	Phone	Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Position	Amount requested	
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="text"/>	
School name	School address	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
School phone	Principal	Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total school enrollment	Grade levels	EIN number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Project Information

**Innovation Grants:** Please complete all the information below. You may also include any pictures, diagrams or other information that you feel may enhance your application.

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION:** Explain your idea in a few sentences.

**2.EXPECTATIONS:** Who will benefit from this project and in what ways? How will you measure results?

**3.MONETARY BREAKDOWN:** Please account for the amount requested and how funds will be spent.

**4. TIMEFRAME:** How long do you expect to spend planning and implementing? When will it be complete?

**5.INNOVATION:** How is this a new idea? Does it improve on a previous practice?

6. **SUPERVISION:** Who will be responsible for this project? Does the school principal support this plan?

7. **OTHER GRANT FUNDS:** Will there be other sources of funding?

8. **SUSTAINABILITY:** Is this a project that might be repeated or extended?

## Thank You

We appreciate your interest in innovation and the time you spent completing this application form. Grant applications are due no later than **December 31, 2026**.  
To send application by US mail or email.

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