



2020-2021 Grant Application
(Grant limited to Central Rivers AEA Cedar Falls Region)
McElroy Excellence in Education Enrichment Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for classroom teachers to develop innovative, educational experiences to increase student achievement in the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year. These innovative projects must be an integral part of the curriculum and must demonstrate excellence in education. A total of \$27,000 will be distributed in grants. **Principals and curriculum directors may not submit grants.**

Grants ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 will be awarded by a committee of educational and community leaders. This funding is provided by the McElroy Trust as part of the Excellence in Education Grants Program. It is intended that these grants fund expenses not generally covered by school district budgets. The funds may be used for, but not limited to, materials, in-state travel, or enrichment learning activities for students. Funds may not be used for teacher salaries or substitute teachers but may be used to pay presenter(s). Changes in funded grant expenditures must be approved by Central Rivers AEA McElroy staff.

Either an individual teacher or a team of teachers may submit a grant. No teacher may be involved in more than one grant. To be eligible, a teacher must hold a current teaching certificate and must be teaching in a Central Rivers AEA school in the Cedar Falls Region that is Department of Education approved. Funds will be distributed to the individual school district's business office. Central Rivers AEA teacher funded proposals will be processed through the Central Rivers AEA Business Office at 1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls. Please complete the application form below and return by **October 30, 2020** to **Barb Schroeder, McElroy Grant Project Contact, Central Rivers AEA Educational Services**. Enrichment activities should be completed by early May with a grant report due May 19, 2021 for awarded recipients. Applications may be emailed to bschroeder@centralriversaea.org or delivered by van mail or postal mail to 1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

McElroy Excellence in Education Enrichment Grants Proposal
(All information must be provided.)

Application

Project Title:

Dollar Amount Requested (\$500 - \$1,000):

Submitted By:

List team member names, grade levels (identify contact person with *)

School District:

Building:

Grade Level(s):

Subject(s):

Phone:

Contact Person E-mail Address:

NOTE: Your proposal must be limited to three pages – please type.

Announcement of funded grants will be made by December 22, 2020. Funds will be available for use starting January 2021. Grant summary reports are due by May 19, 2021. **The grant evaluation rubric and grant summary report are on the Central Rivers AEA website.** Grant summary reports must be completed or funding must be returned to Central Rivers AEA-Cedar Falls, Educational Services; failure to submit a grant report will disqualify you for applying for a grant the following school year.

1. Describe the goals, activities, and timeline for the project you propose.

2. Describe how this project is designed to address student achievement in your school.

3. Describe what makes this an “innovative” teaching practice.

4. Describe how your innovative grant activities to improve student learning/achievement will be evaluated.

5. Describe follow-up activities to sustain student learning/achievement.

6. Detail specific proposal budget. (Do not send printed descriptions of materials)

<u>Item/Service</u>	Include (if available) <u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>matching funds</u>
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7. Identify the number of students and grade levels to be involved in proposal activities.