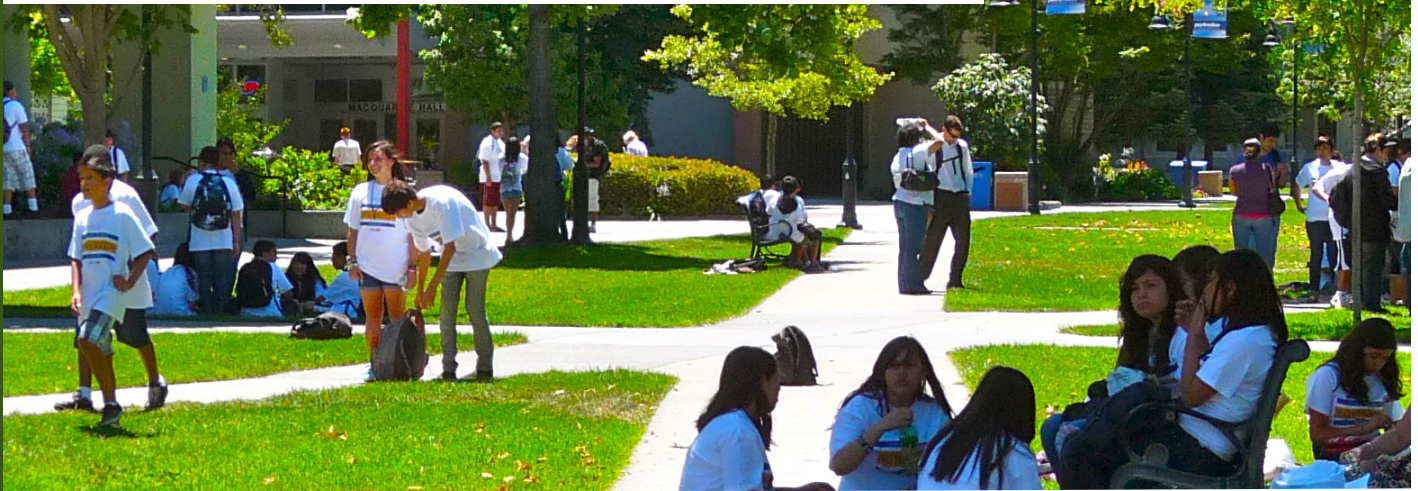


Teacher Innovation Grants



Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) provides Teacher Innovation Grants to empower teachers to create memorable, interactive and enhanced learning experiences for their students -- experiences that may not exist without the additional funding.

Today's Challenge

- Nationally, teachers spent on average \$936 from their own pockets in the 2009-10 school year for basic supplies and instructional materials.
- School budgets have been reduced so that there is often little money available for anything beyond basic classroom materials and equipment.
- Field trip funds have been eliminated in many school districts.
- Teachers and schools depend on fundraising from parents and other sources to supplement key classroom projects.

Grant Opportunities

Now in our sixth year, SVEF has awarded over 750 Teacher Innovation Grants. The grants, ranging up to \$1000, give teachers the extra resources needed to inspire and enhance student learning. Teachers can apply individually or collaboratively for one or both of these opportunities.

- Classroom grants can purchase equipment, materials or other educational needs that go beyond school budgets. Grants have been used to obtain cameras, projectors, laptops, software, science equipment and math curriculum.
- Field trip grants can provide the real-world experience to ignite a student's passion for learning. Previous grants have funded trips to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Walden West Science Camp, Children's Discovery Museum, Bay Area college campus tours and visits to local museums.

Apply Online

- Grants are available during the school year to PK-12 teachers who work in a Santa Clara County school district or charter school with a partnership agreement with SVEF.
- The application process and deadlines are available on our website. Teachers are asked to provide general information about themselves, their school and the classes they teach.
- Grant applications with a science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) education component are given special consideration.

"This grant... has the benefit of giving students the possibility of seeing themselves in a new light; perhaps they will start gaining a vision of working in a high-tech field in the future."

— Jack Riviere, Cabrillo Middle School, Santa Clara, CA

SVEF Goals

SVEF's goal is to raise \$100,000 annually to award at least 150 Teacher Innovation Grants every school year. By achieving this investment level, we will impact over 11,000 students, based on 75 students per grant.

Silicon Valley Education Foundation is a non-profit resource and advocate for students, educators, and corporate and individual donors. We drive scholastic achievement in the critical areas of math and science by combining resources and partnerships to provide innovative academic programs. We are a catalyst for policy solutions in public education. Our mission is to make Silicon Valley the leader in academically prepared students.