Ball State University Alumni Association Innovative Education Grant Awarded up to \$500

Ball State Teachers College Alumni Society annually awards grant money to graduates of Teachers College or any other educator program at Ball State University who have an innovative idea they would like to implement in a school, classroom, or other area related to education.

Ball State Teachers College believes that educators in America's public schools, colleges, and universities are critical to change in education practice. Innovation Grants provide an opportunity for teachers in grades Pre K-12 to develop and implement innovations that significantly improve student learning. The Alumni Association encourages unique or innovative programs, projects and activities which have the potential to improve classroom teaching, learning, and assessment using newly developed programs, materials, techniques, curricula, etc. to meet local classroom needs. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, and professional fees. Grant funds may also be used for professional development necessary to implement the innovative idea. Proposals which replicate already existing programs or curricula will not be given consideration for funding.

Proposal Guidelines:

- 1. Complete the attached cover sheet.
- 2. **Narrative**. Please respond to the following items in five or fewer double-spaced pages. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Use twelve-point or larger type and provide at least one-inch margins.
 - Describe the students served.
 - Describe your innovation. In what ways is it innovative?
 - Identify one or two local or state content standards that you and your students will address through the proposed work.
 - Describe the collaborative learning or other professional development in which the team members will engage, if any, to implement the innovative idea. How is the team's learning linked to the implementation of the innovative idea?
 - Describe the plans to evaluate how the proposed work affects student learning?
 - Provide a timeline for the implementation of the grant.
 - Describe how you will spend the grant funds. Will additional support be provided by other sources?
 Please be specific.

Project Evaluation. Describe how you will determine whether your project has been successful or not. What benchmarks, if any, will you use? Will surveys be used? Will interviews be conducted? A one-page evaluation of your project will be required at the end of the grant period.

Please forward this application **no later than the first Friday in April** to:

Alumni Office Ball State University Muncie, IN 47306-0075

Grant applications will be notified by **the last Friday in July** of the decision regarding their proposals.

Ball State University Alumni Association Teachers College Alumni Board

Innovative Education Grant

Application Cover Sheet

Please type responses on	to this form:			
Applicant's Name:				
Home Address:				
City:	State:		Zip:	
Home Telephone:				
E-Mail:				
School/Institution:				
Work Address:				
City:	State:		Zip:	
Work Telephone:				
E-Mail:				
Work Title:				
What do you teach? Su	bject(s)?			
Is your institution (please check one)		Urban	Suburban	Rural
Applicant's signature: Date:				
Principal/Supervisor's	s signature:			