

# Classroom Success Mini Grant

## 2025-2026



### OVERVIEW

Oregon GEAR UP is dedicated to ensuring that all Oregonians have the opportunity to access and succeed in education and training beyond high school. To achieve this, we provide targeted support for educators to enhance academic preparation and increase aspirations and awareness for postsecondary education.

We invite teachers interested in creating sustainable classroom practices and improving students' academic achievement to submit proposals that outline plans to:

- Develop and implement units, projects, or assessments that enhance students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Develop and implement units, projects, or assessments that support individualized learning
- Support students' mastery of essential academic content
- Improve alignment with rigorous course standards, including dual/college credit offerings
- Promote students' communication and collaboration skills
- Enable students to engage in learning experiences connected to real-world issues and challenges
- Implement or embed new college and career exploration into existing coursework

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until **May 31, 2026**, and/or until funds are exhausted. Applicants will be notified within two weeks of receiving a completed application, including an administrative signature.

### FUNDING

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available. All expenses must be incurred, items received, and services rendered by **August 31, 2026**.

#### Eligible uses of grant funds include:

- Materials and supplies (including technology, but proposals should not focus solely on individual student devices)
- Professional development necessary for project implementation (preference will be given to applications prioritizing educational experiences for students)
- Travel and meal costs (in accordance with district or federal per diem rates)

#### Grant funds cannot be used for:

- Salaries and benefits
- Indirect costs or grant administration fees
- Lobbying
- Equipment costs (single items over \$5,000)
- Field trips or evening/weekend events
- Tutoring
- Incentives
- Entertainment/alcohol

Oregon GEAR UP is required to comply with all federal regulations, including recent legislation and executive orders. As always, all grant applications will be reviewed for federal allowability, and reimbursement will only be provided for approved expenditures.

### WHO AND HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants must be middle or high school certified staff at current GEAR UP Schools (not available to school administrators). *Preference will be given to core content areas though all are welcome to apply.* Apply today!



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