



GRANTS FOR BRIGHT IDEAS

2026 - 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

up to
\$500
per MPS site

2026-2027 Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$500 to teacher-initiated programs and projects.

One recipient will be chosen at each MPS site:

ECC
Elementary
MMS
MHS

The Madill Alumni Association reserves the right not to award a grant at a site if no application meets the selection criteria.

DEADLINE
OCT 15, 2026

APPLY HERE



The Madill Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to financially and materially support the students and graduates of Madill Public Schools, to maximize student potential through educational programs and resources, and to champion innovative teachers.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Grants for Bright Ideas Program is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize, and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches to address student academic needs and social/emotional wellness. Proposals must reflect the objectives and goals of Madill Public Schools.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Individual MPS certified teachers or teams of MPS employees directly involved in student instruction. Each application must include at least one certified teacher.

ELIGIBLE GRANT CATEGORIES

Proposals may include innovative or creative projects that:

- Support higher levels of student achievement or extend learning beyond the classroom.
- Encourage creativity, innovation, problem-solving, or critical thinking.
- Allow students to apply classroom learning to real-world situations.
- Provide cultural enrichment or other unique educational experiences.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- STEM
- Arts
- Literacy
- Career/Technical Education
- Health & Wellness

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Grant funds may be used for materials, supplies, equipment, instructional resources, student activities, guest speakers, and other expenses directly related to the approved project. Funds may not be used for personal expenses or items primarily benefiting the applicant rather than students. Purchases made prior to grant approval will not be reimbursed.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- Grant-funded projects must be implemented during the 2026–2027 academic year. Applicants should provide an anticipated timeline for implementation and completion.
- Projects with a total cost exceeding \$500 are eligible; however, the application must identify the source of any additional funding needed to complete the project.

ITEMIZED BUDGET

A proposed budget should be included in the application itemizing how grant funds will be utilized if awarded.

NAMES & SIGNATURES

The name(s) and signature(s) of the applying teacher(s) *AS WELL AS* the site administrator are **required** for the application to be considered complete. The signature of the site administrator confirms that the proposal is appropriate for the site, compatible with MPS policies/curriculum, and approved for implementation if funded.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be considered during the grant review process:

- Student Need & Impact — Does the proposal identify a meaningful student need and clearly explain the anticipated benefit?
- Innovation & Creativity — Does the project offer an engaging or innovative approach beyond normal classroom resources or instruction?
- Educational Value — Does the project support MPS curriculum, instructional goals, or student development?
- Measurable Outcomes — Does the applicant explain how the project's success or student impact will be evaluated?
- Feasibility & Budget — Is the project realistic, and is the proposed budget reasonable and clearly itemized?
- Clarity & Completeness — Is the proposal clear, logical, and complete?

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply online by scanning the QR code or visiting madillhsalumni.org.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Madill Alumni Association Grant Review Committee.
- Inquiries may be directed to the Madill Alumni Association at madillhsalumni@gmail.com.

FUNDED PROPOSALS

- Grant recipients will be notified and awarded funds the week before Thanksgiving Break 2026. Recipients will also be recognized at an MHS athletic event and an MPS School Board meeting.
- Grant recipients will be asked to provide the Madill Alumni Association with a brief project summary following implementation, including photographs when appropriate and a description of the project's impact on students.