

2026 Student Basic Needs Spark Grant



APPLICATION

Please note in addition to these questions you will receive questions based on the LOI you submitted. There is a designated field below to answer the questions about your LOI.

How is this project innovative?

How would you describe this project's potential for scalability?

Describe the impact it can have in the broader student basic needs space.

In your online application, you will have the opportunity to upload a detailed budget of grant funds usage. *Up to 10% of the grant amount may be applied to indirect costs or overhead of the grantee.*

If your project results in a deliverable, such as a research paper, are you willing to have that deliverable released with one of the available Creative Commons or other open licenses?

Yes

No

Maybe

Not applicable

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Please list the names and titles of the staff who will be working on this initiative, and indicate who will be the main point of contact for the duration of the grant. *Next to each staff member indicate the percentage of their time that will be spent on this initiative during the grant timeline.*

Why is yours the right organization/team to launch this initiative? *Please include information about your leadership in particular and/or about previous successful programs/projects in this issue area that your team has led.*

If funded, how will you publicize and bring visibility to this initiative?

What is your organization's annual operating budget?

How is your organization financially sustained today? *Check all that apply.*

- Single Donor
- Multiple Donors
- Grants
- Government Funding
- Social Enterprise
- Other

Give examples of previous grants that you have received. *Please include the outcomes of the grants, funding amount, grant timeline, and funder. Please limit your response to the five most recent/relevant grants you have received. If your organization has not previously received grant funding this will not negatively impact your application*

Will there be other organizations partnering with yours on this project? *If so please list them.*

Will any other philanthropic organizations be funding this project? *If so please list additional funding organizations and the amount of funding.*

Will this grant leverage or help unlock (now or in the near future) additional government funding for this effort or the broader student basic needs space? *If so please list government organizations and the amount of funding.*

Please copy and paste the questions specific to your LOI that you received in the email inviting you to complete this application. *Include your answer below each question.*

For example:

1. How many years must a mountain exist before it is washed to the sea?

Mountain erosion takes place over geologic timescales and can be influenced by a number of factors. However, assuming a steady erosion rate of 1mm/year, it would take Mount Everest — which currently stands a 8,848m — 88.5 million years to erode away to nothing.

2. Where have all the cowboys gone?

The number of working cowboys in America started to decline in the 1890s with the invention of barbed wire, which enabled farmers to keep cattle within designated zones and made long cattle drives unnecessary. However, the job is not completely obsolete. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 9,730 people currently work as livestock handlers. Of these, 3,290 are listed in the subcategory of spectator sports, which includes rodeos and circuses.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about?

In your online application, you will have the opportunity to upload related documents you'd like us to review.