



**Junior League of Spartanburg is Now Accepting
Mini-Grants Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Since 1986, the Junior League of Spartanburg has provided Spartanburg County school teachers with the funding they need for classroom activities and programs. We are pleased to announce that we are currently accepting Mini-Grants Applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

Grant Applications are due no later than Friday, February 3, 2023. Applicants whose grants are chosen for funding will be notified during the month of February 2023 that they will receive funds to use on their grant projects during the 2023-2024 school year. This change in the calendar provides teachers with an entire summer to plan and a full school year to execute their grant projects.

While we use the word “teachers,” the Junior League is aware there have been many changes in school personnel since we first began Mini-Grants in 1986. We use the term “teachers” in an inclusive sense to include such educators as Media Specialists and School Counselors, to name a few. In the past, we have received applications from individuals with similar titles within school systems. We welcomed those applications then and continue to encourage them now.

Teachers may apply for individual grants up to six hundred dollars (\$600), or team grants up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). If the Total Project Cost exceeds the maximum amount awarded, the applicant **must** indicate where they will seek additional funding.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN **FEBRUARY 3, 2023**. Please review the updated grant requirements. If an application does not meet the requirements, it will not be considered due to the large number we receive.

Applications are judged anonymously by a panel of educators, administrators, and community leaders involved in education. The panel considers the following factors when evaluating applications: creativity, the benefit to students, the degree of student involvement, efficient use of funds, and adaptability of the project for use by other teachers.

Please remember the following when applying for Mini-Grants:

- Projects should directly involve students.
- Projects must be implemented during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Funds can be used to purchase equipment or to provide field-trip transportation, but not when these activities are ends in themselves.
- Portions of grants can be used to compensate experts who work with students, but may not be used to pay public school teachers or staff.

If you have any general guideline questions, please email me directly at minigrants@jlspartanburg.org or contact the Junior League office at **864-583-5842**.

Electronic files of Grant Applications and Cover Sheets are available at <http://www.jlspartanburg.org> under the “Community Projects” page and the “Mini-Grants” link.

I look forward to receiving your applications!

Rachel Howle, Mini Grants Chair