

CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant Application

Proposal Deadline: Monday, December 30, 2013

Visit <http://www.doe.sd.gov/ofm/qwest.aspx> for more information.

Background

CenturyLink, in partnership with the South Dakota Department of Education, has developed a competitive grant program to award South Dakota school teachers who use innovative technology in the classroom as a means to improve the educational experience for students. These grants provide funding for pre K-12 classroom programs, enabling the purchase of hardware, software, contracted services, and other technologies that target student achievement through technology integration in the classroom.

CenturyLink's core principle is that investing in education provides lasting value for the future. CenturyLink awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre K-12 education. South Dakota educators who are interested in applying for a grant from the Teachers and Technology program may submit a proposal by December 30, 2013, by email attachment.

Important Dates

- All application materials must be received electronically as a PDF email attachment by 5:00pm CST Monday, December 30, 2013. Proposals submitted electronically after this date will not be considered.
- Awards will be announced April 2014.
- Please contact Erin Larsen at erin.larsen@state.sd.us or by phone at (605) 773.2533 if you have any additional questions.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS.

Please complete and submit the following items:

- Proposal Form/Project Abstract
 - Please prepare a 250 word abstract describing the type of technology used, number of students impacted, collaborative partners, and subject areas addressed by your project.
- Project Goals
 - Prepare up to a one-page description of your project goals. Indicate clearly the learning and skill development that will occur for both the students and the teacher as a result of their participation in the project.
- Project Narrative
 - Prepare up to a two-page project narrative that describes how your project will produce high-impact and measurable educational results (e.g. action plan). Please include how this project relates to your school district's technology plan and indicate how your project will align to the South Dakota Content Standards in the content area addressed by your program.
- Budget Narrative
 - Prepare a one-page budget narrative of what you are proposing to purchase and how this purchase will enhance your work with students.
- CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Assurances
 - Complete the two attached CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Assurance forms. Original signatures must be included on both assurance forms.

Grant Guidelines

Eligibility

Applicants must be a pre K-12 teacher employed by a South Dakota public or non-public school district. Teachers are eligible for a maximum of one (1) Teachers and Technology grant per year. Priority will be given to teachers who are currently working in a school district located within a CenturyLink community (see Appendix A), but all public and private school teachers in South Dakota are encouraged to apply for the Teachers and Technology grant.

Maximum Grant Award Amount

\$1,500

Award Process

The CenturyLink Teachers and Technology grant requires grants be awarded through a competitive process. All proposals will be read and judged by a statewide committee comprised of pre K-12 educators, higher education faculty, and community members. The panel will determine award winners based on the criteria outlined in the application and enclosed scoring rubric.

Contact Information

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CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Proposal Form

Name: _____

Project Title: _____

School District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I certify that if I receive a CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant,

- I agree to complete the project as described in my proposal.
- I will agree to submit a report on the expenditure of funds as well as a narrative detailing how the goals of my project were met through this award, if requested.

Project Teacher Name (printed): _____

Project Teacher Signature: _____

Principal Name (printed): _____

Principal Signature: _____

CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Program Applicant Certification

As an applicant for a CenturyLink Teachers and Technology grant, you are required to certify the following statements. Please ensure that you work with the necessary individuals within your school or district to ensure that the following statements are accurate.

1. After reasonable investigation (such as conferring with the school's network administrator), the applicant does not anticipate that the proposal, if selected for award, would significantly increase the school's network capacity needs.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Principal

Date

Date

2. The applicant is not involved in any procurement decisions regarding the purchase of the school's telecommunications and internet services, including its participation, if any, in the E-Rate program.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Principal

Date

Date

3. The applicant confirms that receiving this grant will have no impact on and will not be considered in E-rate procurement decisions for their school or school district.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Principal

Date

Date

Applicant's Name (printed): _____

City and State: _____

School Name: _____

School District _____

CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant Application Scoring Rubric*

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Grant Requirements	Exceeds Requirements (3)	Meets Requirements (2)	Near Requirements (1)	Below Requirements (0)
The proposal contains a clear description of what the proposed project is and how it will be implemented by the teacher.				
The proposal contains a clear description of how the project will achieve the stated goals of the proposed program.				
The project will take a significant step toward changing and improving the way the teacher and students use technology resources to achieve learning outcomes.				
The project contains a clear description of what the roles are for the teacher, students, and others in the proposed project.				
The project contains identifies specific implementation activities.				
The project demonstrates a high potential for student success.				
The grant application includes a completed Proposal Form and Assurance Form. Yes=2 points No=0 points	—		—	
The budget is complete. Yes=2 points No=0 points	—		—	
The school district is associated with a CenturyLink Community. (Appendix A) Yes = 2 points No = 0 points	—		—	
Total Score	—	—	—	

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Appendix A: CenturyLink South Dakota Exchanges and Communities

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Aberdeen	Frankfort	Rapid City
Arlington	Ft. Pierre	Rapid Valley
Ashton	Fulton	Redfield
Athol	Glencross	Renner
Bancroft	Grover	Richland
Bath	Harrisburg	Rochford
Belle Fourche	Hetland	Rockham
Black Hawk	Hill City	Rowena
Bloomfield	Huron	Silver City
Boulder Canyon	Iroquois	Sioux Falls
Box Elder	Johnson Siding	Spearfish
Broadland	Keldron	Spink
Bruce	Kranzburg	St. Lawrence
Burbank	Lake Preston	St. Onge
Canton	Lead	Sturgis
Caputa	Loomis	Tea
Carpenter	Madison	Terry Peak
Cavour	Manchester	Timber Lake
Chamberlain	Mansfield	Trojan
Cheyenne Crossing	McIntosh	Twin Brooks
Colman	Meckling	Utica
Corona	Milbank	Vayland
Dakota Dunes	Miller	Vermillion
Deadwood	Mina	Volga
DeSmet	Miranda	Warner
EAFB	Mission Hill	Warwick
Edelweiss Mountain	Mitchell	Watauga
Egan	Morristown	Watertown
Elk Point	Mystic	Waverly
Erwin	Nemo	Westport
Esmond	North Sioux City	Whitewood
Firesteel	Oacoma	Yale
Flandreau	Piedmont	Yankton
Fort Meade	Pierre	Zell