

NEFCU is pleased to offer our **“Funding Your Ideas” (FYI)** Teacher Grant program. This program provides NEFCU member-educators an opportunity to **receive a grant up to \$250** to support an innovative classroom project that enhances the learning experience of students.

Who is eligible? This grant is open to all NEFCU members who are certified teachers of grades pre-K-12 in a Nassau or Suffolk County public, private or parochial elementary or high school. Applicant must be a member of NEFCU. If applying as a group, all members of the group must be NEFCU members in order to be considered.

How do I apply? Eligible member-educators will need to: (1) complete the attached application; (2) write a proposal that addresses the grant criteria listed below; (3) submit application online via **www.myNEFCU.org/scholarships**.

What information should be included in the proposal? Written proposals are to remain anonymous. **School, student and faculty names and pictures are prohibited and will result in disqualification.** You may submit up to three project proposals (submitted separately); however, only one can be awarded. *Please write a proposal that explains the following in detail:*

- 1) Project title.
- 2) Number of students reached by project.
- 3) Age/grade level to which project is directed.
- 4) Brief description of project.
- 5) How is the project innovative or why this is an area of special need in your building or classroom?
- 6) What is the projected long-term effect of this project on your students, school or district?
- 7) What are the project's objectives and how will they be measured?
- 8) Provide a brief timeline of project implementation/ completion.
- 9) Have there been or are there currently similar projects underway in your district?
 - a) If yes, were the past projects successful? Why or why not? If not, what will make your project successful?
- 10) Are you aware of your suggestion being used in other classrooms and if so, how successful was it?
- 11) State your project budget (estimated itemized costs).
- 12) Amount of funds requested (minimum \$25.00 - maximum \$250.00).

Are there any restrictions? When completing the application, please be sure to carefully review your materials for accuracy and grammatical errors, as it could ultimately influence the Committee’s final decision. Employees and officers of NEFCU, affiliates, vendors/agents, and their families are not eligible. Proposals must be original.

When will the winners be selected? The FYI Teacher Grants are awarded once per year in December. Please allow 6-8 weeks for applications to be reviewed. All decisions are final and made by the NEFCU Teacher Grant Committee of the Board of Directors. Grants will be issued in amounts up to **\$250**. If your proposal is selected for funding, we ask that you let us know the outcome of your project by submitting a brief description of its effectiveness and any pictures that were taken.

For questions, please contact us at **(516) 561-0030**.