

ASSOCIATION FOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

North Texas Chapter

2023

Student Impact Grant Awards

Information and Submission Guidelines

The North Texas Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments is proud to announce this year's annual contest for STUDENT IMPACT GRANT AWARD OPPORTUNITIES.

We are excited to announce the following award opportunities with an anticipated top prize of \$5,000 and total prizes exceeding \$10,000:

GOLD AWARD

SILVER AWARD

BRONZE AWARD

Our Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to encourage student involvement in their school and surrounding community by making a significant positive impact on people, the community at large, and/or the environment. The implementation of this STUDENT IMPACT GRANT AWARD is intended to create and enhance opportunities for student service in the area served by the North Texas A4LE Chapter membership and funded through the help of Educators, Administrators, and Industry Professionals across North Texas.

Our Vision:

The North Texas A4LE chapter envisions designating multiple initiatives each year that impact the community through students dedicated to the service of others. Funding for the award comes from the NTX chapter fundraisers held each year. As part of our chapter responsibility, we feel obligated to dedicate some of our local resources to the economic development, physical health, educational opportunity, and social wellness of the communities served by our chapter.

ELIGIBILITY:

The Student Impact Award welcomes applications from all service oriented young people who are:

- Full-time Middle or High School aged students.
- Permanent residents of the A4LE North Texas Chapter Region.
- Looking to create and participate in an inspiring service project.
- Individuals and small groups (up to 5) may apply.

All applications are required to have an adult mentor and/or sponsor (teachers or school administrators are recommended) whose role is to assist the students in understanding the requirements of the submission, helping with logistics, and providing encouragement to them.

In addition, all individuals/teams are required to have parental permission to participate. This form may be downloaded via the SurveyMonkey link below. Completed forms are to be sent to Donna Robinson, CMM, CMP at donna@a4le.org; projects are not eligible without a completed form.

SUBMISSION:

Submit a brief video of your proposed project to: North Texas A4LE Chapter using the following SurveyMonkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023NTXStudentImpact>

The duration of the video cannot be more than 4 mins. Now get CREATIVE!

SERVICE IDEAS AND GUIDELINES:

The service ideas listed below are meant to provide a range of options that students may consider for their submission. All submissions will be considered provided they are dedicated to the service of a student's/ group's school and/ or surrounding community in some way. The possibilities are endless!

Service categories will be considered under two possible paths:

Community/Social Service:

This category is centered on direct service to the community via social organization and outreach. It may be done on campus or within your community (Ex: creating an on campus after-school reading program). You must demonstrate in your video how you will accomplish your goal as well as how you will work with your school administration or local authorities to maximize the IMPACT you make.

Possible subjects may include:

- Animal Welfare
- Anti-Bullying
- Art
- Disabilities
- Education
- Environment
- Healthcare
- Homelessness
- Hunger
- Youth Services
- CREATE YOUR OWN!

Creators/Inventors:

This category is focused on support of the community via the development or invention of new methods or tools to aid in the service of others (Ex: creating an anti-bullying app). While it is not necessary for you to have a proof of concept, (i.e. a working app or invention) your video must illustrate how your proposed idea will benefit others and provide an outline of the steps you will take to your idea or invention come to fruition (such as a business plan; programs and/or materials needed, etc.). Possible areas for invention include:

- Ideas/inventions that involve healthcare
- Ideas/inventions that involve food/water or agriculture
- Ideas/inventions that involve transportation or mobility
- Ideas/inventions that involve consumer devices or products
- CREATE YOUR OWN!

If you have questions or need additional information, contact one of our representatives at ntxchapterimpact@a4le.org or you may visit the A4LE website at www.a4le.org for further information.

SELECTION PROCESS:

These STUDENT IMPACT GRANT AWARDS will be awarded to the eligible individuals and/or group most highly evaluated using the selection criteria below, as determined by a panel of judges selected from outside the North Texas A4LE Chapter. Outside judges are selected in order to provide an unbiased evaluation of all submissions.

Submission for the STUDENT IMPACT GRANT AWARDS does not guarantee an award. Grantees will be notified individually of their selection prior to award and notice will be sent to all submitters per the schedule below.

If you are not selected this year, you may improve and resubmit the following year.

The following Guidelines & Criteria form the basis for selection:

SELECTION CRITERIA	Points
Provide a description of the anticipated impact you expect to make to the community should you receive an award. This may include educational, emotional, physical, or other impacts.	50
Use your video to explain why your service project or idea is worthy of consideration. What makes your project stand out?	25
Explain how you will implement your project or idea. Provide 3-5 steps that you will take to make your goal a reality.	25
TOTAL	100

Any initiative submitted should be able to be completed prior to graduation (i.e. from Middle School or High School), preferably within the same academic year. If a project or idea will not be implemented within the same academic year, provide a narrative outlining how it will be completed. All Grant Initiatives submitted must be located on District property for the School District with which a student/group is associated, or in conjunction with a local community or business. To be selected, you must have proof of authorization by a parent/guardian as well as a school, city/town, or business stating that an event may occur on it's property and that adult supervision will be present.

Required Follow Up:

We love to celebrate the accomplishments of North Texas students and awarded individuals/groups will be invited to create a brief acceptance video (with parental/guardian approval) to be featured at a North Texas Chapter meeting after completion. The videos will also be posted to the A4LE website.

In addition, recipients are asked to document their project and create a 4-minute follow-up video demonstrating how they achieved their goal. This video will be displayed at a future North Texas Chapter meeting and be posted on the A4LE website.

The deadline for submitting nominations is November 15, 2023. Submitters will be notified of winning entries in December of 2023 with formal announcement at the 2024 A4LE NTX Kickoff Celebration in January of 2024.