

Virginia Association for the Gifted Grants for Innovative Ideas

The Virginia Association for the Gifted will present up to ten “Grants for Innovative Ideas” each in the amount of \$500 to individuals or teams whose proposed projects support the goals of VAG and ***directly services gifted students***. The grants will be awarded annually by the VAG Scholarship and Awards Committee.

Criteria for Successful Grant Applications:

- The successful proposal includes an overview of the project, explaining its purpose, the audience it addresses, and how it will ***directly benefit*** gifted students;
- The successful proposal includes a specific budget about how the requested funds will be used (i.e., printing costs, project supplies/materials). Please specify if other funding, grants, or in-kind donations will support the grant;
- Grant recipients will be asked to share their project with the members of the organization. The successful proposal includes information about how the project will be showcased (i.e., by presenting at the VAG conference, by summarizing the project in the quarterly VAG newsletter);
- The successful proposal includes a timeline of the proposed project, including beginning and ending dates, expected dates of implementation;
- Grant recipients will be asked to complete a brief evaluation to VAG upon completion of the project. The successful proposal includes specific information and criteria for evaluating the project. (How will outsiders know if the project was successful?)
- Grant applicant must be a VAG member in good standing. No more than one grant is awarded to a single individual within a three-year period.

Terms of the award:

Grant winners will receive a check by February 1. Acceptance of this award implies that grant winners will expend all funds to support the proposed project. Any changes must be fully explained and described in the project evaluation report. All grant activities must be completed no later than May 1 of the grant year. Original copies of receipts and/or invoices are to be submitted to VAG with brief (less than 5 pages, double spaced) evaluation report no later than May 15. Winners are expected to share their project with the VAG membership through presentations at the annual conference/seminar and/or through a VAG newsletter article.

