



A+PEL Professional Development Grant

Description: This grant is intended to assist professional educators in paying the fees associated with the registration, travel, and/or attendance at a professional development conference, seminar, or workshop.

Deadline(s): This scholarship operates on a rolling deadline system with deadlines on February 15th, June 15th, and October 15th.

Eligibility/Guidelines:

- A+PEL membership is not a requirement, but preference will be given to members.
- The applicant agrees that he/she must complete the Professional Development Grant Follow-up Report and include original receipts of expenditures within 30 days of attending the professional development activity in order to be reimbursed for expenses related to the grant.
- If selected, the applicant will be available to receive this award publically at a faculty meeting, school board meeting, or A+PEL conference. The venue will ultimately be determined by the representative giving the award and such aspects as convenience for the recipient, permission of the school/district, and the number of individuals awarded in a district will be taken into account.
- The Essay document must include a cover page listing the name, date, and location of the workshop, seminar, training, or conference you wish to attend. The pages after the cover page must contain an essay, of 500 words or less. The applicant must directly answer and label each of the four rubric sections within their essay. For example, criteria could be answered in separate paragraphs or placed as bold headings in a paragraph. Refer to the sample application on the A+PEL website for further formatting recommendations.
- The applicant must conform to standard rules of grammar in their application. Applications lacking in basic grammar will be disqualified regardless of other merits.
- Applicants can be awarded only one A+PEL award within a 365 day time period. This rule has been established to provide for additional opportunities amongst our growing member base.
- A+PEL is not responsible for docked wages or substitute teacher fees imposed by a hiring authority if the applicant cannot use a personal, professional, or sick day to attend an event.
- A+PEL will reimburse mileage up to 50 cents a mile, though printed maps must be provided in the reimbursement paperwork.

Amount: These grants have an upper limit of 500 dollars.