



The Mary Pinola EDUCATION FUND

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*The Education Fund is invested
with and administered in
accordance with the policies of
the Community Foundation
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GRANT APPLICATION 2026

**Applications will be accepted from August 31, 2026
through 5 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026 via email only.**

No mailed, faxed, handwritten, or late applications will be accepted.

Applicants may request up to \$5,000 using this form.*

Applications requesting \$3,500 - \$5,000 must be matched.



Organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations must be located in or benefit the Crescenta-Canada Valley which includes La Canada, La Crescenta, parts of Glendale, Montrose and Tujunga. "Parent Organizations" located outside this area that deliver educational programs in this area are eligible.

Organizations applying for capital equipment must attach a purchase order or competitive bid.



Download this fillable PDF form at www.pinolafund.org/grants,
enter your information, and submit the completed PDF
as an email attachment to: grants@pinolafund.org

Received applications will be acknowledged by an email notification.



*Organizations seeking grants for amounts over \$5,000
are welcome to send inquiries to grants@pinolafund.org

TYPES OF GRANT REQUESTS SUPPORTED

Books and Teaching Tools
Classroom Materials
Community Enrichment Projects
Equipment Purchases, Replacement
& Modernization
Fundraising Events or Capital Campaigns
Improvement to Facilities including Athletic Facilities
Musical Instruments

Parent Education Programs
Programs for Those with Special Needs
Printed Material
Salaries (maximum of 50% of a budget)
Sports Equipment
Technology Upgrades, Computer Hardware
and Software Programs
Youth & Other Types of Leadership

TYPES OF GRANT REQUESTS NOT SUPPORTED

Advertising
Endowment Funds
Faith-Based Projects
Feasibility Studies or Consulting Fees
Fiscal Agents
Individuals and Individual Scholarships

Insurance or Maintenance Contracts
Political Lobbying, Voter Registration or Campaigns
Research
Transportation Expenses
Uniforms or Clothing
Grants to pass-through organizations or foundations
which redistribute donated funds

Our Mission

To enrich the lives of Crescenta-Canada Valley residents by supporting exemplary educational programs.



GRANT APPLICATION – 2026

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026.
Submit your application as an email attachment to: grants@pinolafund.org

Grant Requirements (Check Off and Provide All Below)

☐ Completed grant application.

☐ Blanks below filled in.

Total Amount of Project: _____

Amount Already Raised: _____

Amount Requested In this Application: _____

Percentage of This Application Request Devoted to Salary: _____

Reminder: Applicants may request a maximum of 50% of an application in salaries.

☐ Two letters of support.

☐ Copy of project budget

☐ For equipment, include one competitive bid.

☐ Proof of 501(c)(3) non-profit designation.

Organization

Address

Name of Executive Director or Principal

Phone

Contact Person

Title

Contact Person's Phone

Contact Person's Email

Amount Requested

Tax Identification Number

Electronic or Typed Signature of Executive Director or Principal



1. Write your organization's Purpose and/or Mission Statement

2. State the MAIN, SPECIFIC goal of the grant and how it will benefit your organization and the community. Indicate the approximate number of Crescenta-Canada Valley residents who will be served by the program.

3. How will you evaluate the equipment purchase and/or program funding and determine if purpose/goals have been achieved? (Note: equipment purchase receipts are to be included in the final report.)



4. If your grant request is \$3,500 or more, explain how you are matching or securing other sources of support.

5. Provide a brief timetable for your project.

6. Is your project “unique?” Will it explore programs that may be helpful to other organizations and/or will you provide a service otherwise not available to our community?

7. *In your own words*, briefly tell us what makes you proudest of your organization and the difference it makes for our community.