



**WACO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
COVER SHEET – PART II  
Application for Grant:  
2026-2027 Funding Cycle**

Assigned Grant Proposal #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_ # of Students DIRECTLY involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Focus Area(s):** In order to be considered, Waco Education Foundation Innovation Grant proposals must fall under one or more of the E4 focus areas: early childhood development, enhanced programming for advanced students, extended education for staff, and emphasis on student performance. NOTE: In addition to meeting one of the E4 focus areas above, grant readers are especially interested in creative and innovative grant requests that target fine arts, STEM, literacy, or enrichment.

**(check all that apply)**

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| Early Childhood Development                | Extended Education for Staff    |
| Enhanced Programming for Advanced Students | Emphasis on Student Performance |
| Fine Arts                                  | STEM                            |
| Literacy                                   | Enrichment                      |

## Grant Application #6 (VITA Tax Lions)

A school is an essential part of the community. The community supports the school, and the school should give back to the community. We have started a program at our school to do just that in a meaningful way. This service to the community also serves as an incredible learning experience for the students who are involved. This year we have started an IRS VITA Tax Assistance site at our school and I am seeking funding to help it establish and grow.

Our program provides high quality tax preparation services to the community, saving our neighbors time, stress, and money. But more importantly it provides our students with career training, technical knowledge, and the soft skills necessary for lifelong success. The student volunteers in the VITA program are thoroughly trained in tax preparation and tax code. They understand how we are taxed and how to report that information to the IRS. They hone their problem solving skills by training and working with real people and their taxes in ways that teach them perseverance, creative problem solving, and financial literacy. Filing taxes is an opaque and nerve racking experience for many adults. Our volunteers learn how to deescalate the tension of the situation, put our clients at ease, communicate clearly and effectively, and build positive rapport with adults in a way that can only be learned by doing. Quiet, shy kids open up to complete strangers to help them feel more comfortable and demonstrate the confidence that puts them at ease. Loud and gregarious students learn to modulate their tone and code-switch to a calm professional demeanor, demonstrating maturity and self-awareness to clients who might be hesitant to get assistance from a teenager. In short, a trained and experienced volunteer is prepared to effectively communicate in a professional environment and is exposed to career paths that most teens without a family connection to the field would never consider.

After pulling our program together with little else but support from some community partners and administrators, I am requesting grant funding to help to program more firmly establish itself and become more self sustaining. Dedicated laptops that can aid in volunteer training as well as secure client information, a printer and supplies to provide clients with all their necessary records, and polo shirts to help volunteers present a professional appearance. Our goal is to grow this program to increase the services to the community and the opportunities for the students. Your assistance in helping us on our way to that goal will be greatly appreciated.

# Waco Education Foundation

## Grant Budget Form

Assigned Proposal #	
Project Title:	
Number of Students Served by Grant:	

Qty	Budget Item	Verify Vendor (Y or N)	\$ Requested from the WISD Foundation	Other Secured Source	\$ from Other Source (if applicable)	Total Amount
<b>Consumable Supplies</b>						
15	Polo Shirt	y	\$ 450.00	N/A	\$ -	\$ 450.00
1	Printer Paper	y	\$ 35.00	N/A		\$ 35.00

						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
total Consumable Supplies			\$ 485.00		\$ -	\$ 485.00

<b>Technology</b>						
1	Printer	y	\$ 209.00	N/A		\$ 209.00
7	Laptops	y	\$ 2,485.00	N/A		\$ 2,485.00
total Technology			\$ 2,694.00		\$ -	\$ 2,694.00

<b>Long-Term Supplies / Equipment</b> (items that will last beyond the grant year)						
4	3'x6' Signs	y	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00
1	Toner	y	\$ 70.00			\$ 70.00
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
total Long-Term Supplies			\$ 170.00		\$ -	\$ 170.00

<b>Contracted Services</b>						
						\$ -
						\$ -

total Contracted Services		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
<b>Personnel</b>									
						\$	-		
						\$	-		
total Personnel		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
<b>Travel / Other</b>									
						\$	-		
						\$	-		
						\$	-		
						\$	-		
total Other		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Total Requested from the WISD Foundation</b>		<b>Foundation Cost Per Student</b>		<b>Total from Other Sources</b>		<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	
		\$ 3,349.00		#DIV/0!		\$ -		\$ 3,349.00	