



JLLC Application Number: _____

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAKE CHARLES, INC.

THE MELISSA ANN COX TEACH GRANT

Application Deadline: November 1, 2026

Grant Award: Up to \$5,000

The Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. (JLLC) is proud to offer the TEACH Grant as part of our 93-year legacy of community partnership in Southwest Louisiana. This unique up to \$5,000 grant involves community participation in the selection process. JLLC will select finalists from the applicant pool and prepare the online voting system which will open during the 2026 Mistletoe and Moss Holiday Market (November 22-24, 2026). Market attendees and the general public will vote for their favorite presentation, with one vote per day limit. The presentation receiving the most votes will be awarded the grant.

Applications, including electronic presentation materials, must be submitted by **November 1, 2026** to grants_scholarships@jllc.net. Finalists will be notified by November 6, 2026. Please note: in prior years, finalists were required to prepare physical presentations. Currently, all applicants are required to submit any electronic materials with the application. Electronic materials such as photos and graphics are optional but recommended. Failure to submit electronic materials will result in use of grant application materials as default for online voting purposes.

Electronic material guidelines: We employ a **blind voting process**. Please refrain from including any identifying factors in your electronic materials, including, but not limited to, your face, school name, logo, mascot, school colors, or photographs depicting identifiable students.

Although there are separate applications for the TEACH and Branch Out and Grow grants, applicants may choose to submit the same proposal for both programs or may tailor their applications for each. Applicants may also submit separate proposals for each grant given the different opportunities each grant may provide.

Applicants may submit proposals for both TEACH and Branch Out and Grow grants. Proposals may be identical or tailored for each grant, and applying to both programs is not required for consideration.

If selected as a finalist, applicants agree to submit electronic presentation materials adhering to JLLC guidelines.

By signing below, the primary teacher/applicant, school principal, and any team members (if applicable) acknowledge and agree to these terms if selected as a finalist.

[Electronic signatures are not accepted; original signatures are required.]

Signature of Primary Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Principal: _____ **Date:** _____

Signatures of Team Members (if collaborating): _____ **Date:** _____

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IMPORTANT: All applications must be typed and completed in full, including required signatures. Handwritten, illegible, or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **Project Title:** _____
- **Grade Level(s):** _____
- **Subject Area:** _____
- **Number of Students Impacted:** _____
- **Number of Educators Applying (if collaborative):** _____

2. PROJECT SUMMARY (2-3 sentences):

3. DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

4. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

5. SPECIFIC EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

6. EVALUATION METHODS – How will you measure the effectiveness of your project?

7. BUDGET OVERVIEW - Total Requested: \$ _____

Please attach a detailed budget worksheet. *Note: Grant funds may not be used for food, refreshments, or sales tax.*

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Email the completed application, with all required signatures, to grants_scholarships@jllc.net by November 1, 2026 with the subject line: TEACH GRANT APPLICATION



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Budget Worksheet - *Final Evaluation Deadline: May 21, 2027*

TEACH Grant Project Title: _____

Financial Responsibility:

Grant recipients must submit an expense report with legible copies of all receipts along with their final evaluation by **May 21, 2027**. Failure to submit this report could result in ineligibility for future Branch Out and Grow grant funds for both the recipient and the school. Grant funds may only be used for the approved project expenses as presented in this budget or as amended with approval from the Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. Community Council. **Any payback requirement exceeding 10% of the up to \$5,000 grant must be repaid by the recipient.**

Note: The Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc., does not reimburse sales tax. Please use your school's tax-exempt certificate for all purchases.

Itemized Budget:

Item	Quantity	Cost/Unit	Subtotal (\$)
Total			\$

Volunteer Request (Optional):

# of Volunteers	Hours Per Volunteer	Approximate Date	Type of Work

Please note: While we strive to honor volunteer requests, the approval of a grant does not guarantee the provision of volunteer hours. Volunteer support from the Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc., should not be essential for the completion and implementation of the proposed project.