

BECU School Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility requirements for application?

- Applications must be submitted by a teacher, principal or member of the PTA, parents are not eligible to apply unless they are members of the PTA
- The school applying must be a Western Washington public or private K-12 school, located in one of the following counties: Skagit, Island, Snohomish, King, Thurston, Pierce, Kitsap
- The school must have a minimum of 30% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch or equivalent. For private schools, the school must have a minimum of 30% of students attending on a full financial scholarship.
- All grant requests must fall into one of three categories: Financial Literacy, Environmental Sustainability and Technology tools to enhance learning in the core subjects of reading, writing, math and science. Any grants falling outside of these categories or grants that do not directly enhance the learning of the students are ineligible.

When is the deadline?

The deadline for the 2009-2010 school year is March 31, 2010.

What are the details of the grant?

- BECU will award up to \$100,000 total in Grants in this cycle.
- A maximum of \$2500 will be awarded per grant.
- Schools may be awarded more than one grant, but the maximum amount awarded is \$2,500 per school, per year.

What are the selection criteria?

- An internal selection committee will evaluate the applications and select the recipients.
- The committee will consider:
 - The eligibility of the request
 - The impact of funds on students learning
 - The potential use of funds as outlined in the grant application
 - The number of students reached with grant funds and potential on-going use of item or program

What are some examples of past awarded grants?

- Graphing Calculators for math classrooms
- Listening centers for young readers
- 2 day camp at Olympic Park Institute
- Supplies for a sustainable classroom garden

What are some examples of ineligible grant applications?

- Continued education for teachers
- Computers for the administration
- Art or physical education request

How and when will I receive notification?

- Notifications are sent approximately two months past a deadline.
- Recipient and non-recipient notifications will be sent by email.
- Add info@applyists.com to your email address book or "safe senders list" so these important emails are not sent to your junk mail folder.
- **Do not 'opt out' of any email sent from info@applyists.com you may not receive vital information regarding your applications.**

Note: Your email address will only be used to communicate with you about your applications or other opportunities administered by ISTS for which you may be eligible to apply. We will not provide your email address to any third-parties. Decisions of the selection committees are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.

How and when are checks issued?

- Checks will be hand delivered to the school by the local BECU representative or mailed to the school's mailing address as entered on the application.
- Checks will be made payable to the school or PTA only.

- Checks will be issued by May 31, 2010.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to notify ISTS should the check not arrive within 30 days of the issue date.

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

- Upload your required documents online. If you are unable to upload them, mail or fax your supporting documents following the instructions printed from your online application. If you do not follow the instructions exactly your application may not be considered.
- Your submission must be complete by March 31, 2010.

Program Administration

To assure complete impartiality in selection of recipients and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc., a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship and tuition assistance programs.

Questions

For additional information regarding the BECU school grant program contact ISTS by email at info@applyists.com . When emailing please reference the BECU school grant program.