



April 18, 2017

Stark County Unit District # 100
Jerry Klooster, Superintendent
300 W Van Buren St
Wyoming IL 61491-1172

Dear Jerry:

This year will be the twenty - fourth year that State Bank of Speer has offered its Teacher Education Grants to area educators. The bank has awarded over \$179,000.00 to various grant recipients.

Enclosed please find both a copy of the Teacher Grant Application and a document that explains the application process. Please take copies and distribute to all of your faculty members. All Teacher Education Grant applications must be submitted with the Cover Sheet which has the teacher's signature and principal's signature on it. We encourage all educators to apply for a grant to enhance their teaching.

Please advise all interested faculty members that the Teacher Education Grant application must be submitted to the bank on or before October 31, 2017. Teacher Education Grants will be awarded in December.

If you should have further questions, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

STATE BANK of SPEER

Steven J. Leuthold
President

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Enclosures



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**COVER SHEET
STATE BANK OF SPEER
TEACHER EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION**

APPLICATION # _____
For office use only

YOUR NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
Street / PO Box

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code

HOME / MOBILE TELEPHONE _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL TELEPHONE _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT _____
Name and Number

YOUR POSITION / GRADE LEVEL TAUGHT _____

BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE HOW YOU PLAN TO USE THE GRANT _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR PROJECT \$ _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT _____

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

YOUR PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE FORWARD THIS APPLICATION BY **OCTOBER 31, 2017** TO

State Bank of Speer
Steven J. Leuthold
14 Main St., PO Box 37
SPEER, IL 61479-0037

This page must be included and filled out completely including all necessary signatures to be eligible for the grants.

STATE BANK OF SPEER EDUCATION GRANT FACT SHEET

The Speer Grant

The State Bank of Speer invites you to apply for a grant to be used to develop and implement a creative educational project of your design. It is our hope that you might use this opportunity to step outside the box and plan a program or classroom activity that will improve and enhance the academic environment.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a State Bank of Speer Grant, you must be an educator, working with grades K – 12 in one of the designated local schools. If awarded a grant, recipients must use the grant to implement the educational program described in your application. When awarding grants, the bank will not discriminate on the basis of an applicant's race, age, creed, gender or national origin.

Application Requirements

Please provide the following information:

1. Completed cover sheet, including all necessary signatures
2. Statement of project goal
3. Brief description of proposed project
4. Explanation of how project will enhance standard curriculum.
5. Description of procedure.
 - a. Activities and methods involved
 - b. Personnel involved
 - c. Description of materials and explanation of how they will be used.
(Include samples, if applicable; may not be returned unless applicant makes arrangements to retrieve from bank.)
6. Documentation of past success of program, if reapplying for grant.
7. Itemized budget

The State Bank of Speer Grant Program will not fund the following types of programs:

- Programs or projects, which are the responsibility of the school district i.e.:
 - In-service and personal or professional development
 - Materials and equipment which are typically purchased by the school district
 - Capital or building programs
 - General endowment campaigns
 - Scholarships
 - Charitable dinners or fund-raising events

Please do not include the Illinois State Learning Standards Goals in your application.

Grants will be awarded in December, allowing teachers to implement the projects at the beginning of the second semester. Grant recipients are required to use the sum awarded by the end of the academic year and for the purpose stated in the application.

To ensure anonymity during the judging process, please do not identify yourself or your school in the body of the application or on any sample projects submitted with the application. You will need to put your name, mailing address, city and zip code, and school on the cover sheet which will be removed before the review process.

To submit grant applications or obtain additional information, please use the following contact information. In order to be considered for a grant, completed applications must be received by Steven J. Leuthold no later than October 31, 2017.

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