



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ODAA GRANT APPLICANTS

The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is very pleased that you are interested in applying for an ODAA Aerospace and Aviation Education Grant. **Grant applications may be submitted electronically as a PDF to education@aerospace.ok.gov or must be postmarked to the Department no later than May 31, 2026.** As you work to complete your grant application, it is important that you consider the following:

- Download the grant application and save it as a PDF **BEFORE** you begin to fill it out.
- Read each section of the grant application carefully and complete each section fully.
- In Section One (1) of the application, please provide a contact phone number and email address that will be checked regularly during the summer. Staff will begin reviewing applications in June and need to be able to reach the listed contacts directly for the application to be considered.
- In Section Two (2) of the application, please list both the START date and END date of your program. The start date may not be prior to the ODAA Commission Meeting where grants are considered for approval. The end date for all school applicants is the last day of school for students in your district. This year's meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2026. Any costs incurred prior to this date are not eligible for funding and may not count towards the Applicant's match.
- All programs receiving funding for classroom supplies and/or equipment must purchase these items within 60 days of the ODAA Commission meeting where grants are considered for approval. The 60-day deadline for purchasing supplies/equipment is October 11, 2026. The intent of funding these resources in August is that they be available for student use in the current school year.
- Be aware that your program must be completed within one (1) calendar year from the date that the Commission approves the grant. If you find that you will be unable to complete your grant within the year, you **MUST** provide a written request for an extension from the Department. The request for extension must be made **BEFORE** the original end date listed on your grant application.
- The grant selection process is extremely competitive. Section Three (3) of the grant application asks that you list your program goals and objectives and that you explain how your program will have a direct application to aerospace/aviation. It is important that you **SPECIFICALLY** outline the goals of your program and that you clearly express which aeronautics/aviation skills students/participants will gain by participating in the program. Often, grant applications are not selected because Applicants only provide a general statement as to the overall value of the program.
- Section Five of the grant application asks program administrators to list the **TOTAL COST** of the Applicant's program. Often, Applicants are unclear about how to determine the exact cost of a program. Except overhead, we suggest that you consider all expenditures that are necessary to fully implement the program:

- In some cases, when teachers or staff members are used to teach aviation course work or when staff members are used to monitor components of the program, portions of that staff member's salary may be included in the total cost of program implementation. For example, if a teacher teaches two sections of Aviation I as part of the implementation of a program, then the salary required to teach two course sections may be included.
- Another example might be when an Applicant needs to purchase additional materials to implement the program but is not asking for Department assistance in funding those items, those should still be listed and considered in the total program cost.
- Specific gifts from donors may also be included in the overall cost of the Applicant's program as long as those gifts are integral to the implementation of the program. The Total Program Cost that you list in Section Five will obviously reflect a greater amount than the Amount of Grant Requested.
- ➔ In addition, Section Five asks that you list the Percentage of Total Program Budget Requested. Note that the maximum amount requested may not exceed 50% of the total program cost unless the grant request is less than \$3,000 in which case the maximum cost share is 90%. For example, if the total cost of an Applicant's program is \$120,000, the most that may be requested from the Department is \$60,000. If the total cost of an Applicant's program is \$2,500, the Applicant may request 90% of that amount which is \$2,250.
- ➔ **It is important that Applicants understand that grant recipients will be asked to CLAIM funds AFTER they have been expended.** In other words, recipients will not receive grant funds "up front." Rather, they will submit invoices showing proof of payment and receipts for purchases to the Department and will then be reimbursed for their expenditures according to the following schedule:
 - Recipients may claim partial reimbursement of up to eighty percent (80%) of awarded funds following the expenditure of funds and receiving the items by electronically submitting corresponding receipts and an invoice addressed to the ODAA to education@aerospace.ok.gov.
 - Recipients may not request the final twenty percent (20%) of the funds until the completion of the program (end of the school year for a program running the entire school year) by submitting a detailed Financial and Completion Report, final invoice made out to ODAA and corresponding receipts to education@aerospace.ok.gov.
- ➔ The Completion Report, Financial Report, Invoices and Corresponding Receipts are due to the Department within thirty (30) days of the completion of the program. **It is the Applicant's responsibility to keep track of this date. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a forfeiture of any remaining funds.**
- ➔ It is important to remember that the Completion Report should contain details of program implementation and pictures when possible. Consequently, the Completion Report should not be submitted prior to the program end date provided in Section One (1) of the grant application.
- ➔ Please understand that staff recommendations for awards are based on the content of the grant application. While an Applicant may request a specific dollar amount, the amount awarded may be less than requested. Applicants should be prepared to secure additional funds in order to complete the program as proposed. Once awarded, should the Applicant not be able to fulfill the program as proposed in the application, the Department will need to review any program changes and may make changes to the awarded amount.