**Application for 2025 Summer of Exploration Grant**



Name of Afterschool / Summer Program Click here to enter text.

Name of Director Click here to enter text.

Email Address Click here to enter text.

Phone Number Click here to enter text.

Program Address Click here to enter text.

Requirements

* The following are required to be awarded a 2025 Summer of Exploration grant. Please initial each to agree:
* I will incorporate youth voice and have a plan to complete the Youth Brainstorming activity.
* Summer programming will incorporate family engagement such as opportunity for caregiver co-learning and program input.
* I have included a letter of support from my building principal or district superintendent.
* I will complete programming evaluation requirements and the final progress and expenditure reporting by September 30th, 2025.

1. What is the total summer grant amount that you are applying for (up to $15,000)?

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1. What is the current afterschool enrollment for your program? What do you expect summer enrollment to be for your program in summer 2025? What grade levels does your summer program serve?
   1. Afterschool Enrollment: Click here to enter text.
   2. Expected Summer Enrollment: Click here to enter text.
   3. Summer Grade Levels: Click here to enter text.
2. When will your summer program be offered?
   1. Start Date: - Click here to enter text.
   2. End Date: - Click here to enter text.
   3. Days of week: Click here to enter text.
   4. Hours per day: Click here to enter text.
   5. Total hours: Click here to enter text.
3. How will your summer program incorporate Student-Centered Learning concepts from Stephanie Malia Krauss’s book: *Whole Child, Whole Life*?
   1. How will you incorporate Youth Voice and Choice?

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* 1. How will you incorporate Community-Connected, Age-Appropriate Real-World Learning?

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* 1. How will your program Foster Lifelong Learning and Pursuits?

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1. Please outline your proposed summer programming for this grant. Include specifics about the programming and implementation plan.
   1. Please describe your proposed summer programming:

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* 1. How will you incorporate youth voice into planning your proposal and how will youth voice continue to be incorporated in your programming?

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* 1. How will you engage parents/caregivers in your summer program?

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1. How is program sustainability incorporated into your summer plans? Describe what efforts are planned (partnership building, community outreach, marketing, etc.).

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1. Brief description of community partner(s) that will be involved in this programming (highlight new partnerships) and what role(s) they will play in supporting your programming this summer and long-term:

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1. Please describe what local support will be leveraged to support this project and how (where is support coming from, how will you track this support, how will this impact your summer programming).

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1. What is your plan for your summer staffing structure for the proposed programming (high school/college students, teachers, paras, etc.)? How does this grant contribute to your staffing structure?

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1. List 3 goals you would you like to see accomplished through this grant.
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BUDGET: Please itemize expenses in the budget for your proposed programming. Use programming grouping descriptions for consumable items (i.e. “Art Supplies” (pencils, markers, etc.)

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| **Budget Item** | **Description** | **Total** | **Notes / Justification** |
| Ex. Garden Programming Supplies | Trowels, gloves, craft supplies | $500 | Supplies for activities in the garden |
| Ex. Garden Beds | Raised Beds | $1500 | 3 Raised Beds |
| Ex. Garden Supplies | Soil, Seeds, Compost | $1000 | Soil and Compost for 3 raised beds, seeds for gardens |
| Ex. HS Student Leaders | Student leaders | $5000 | Student leaders $15/hour to lead activities |
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| **Total Grant** | | $ |  |

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| **Leveraged support source** | **Leveraged funds** | **Total** | **Notes / Justification** |
| Ex. PTO | $500 cash | $500 | Funds for outdoor library |
| Ex. Library | $100 used books | $100 | Used books to stock outdoor library |
| Ex. Master Gardener | $2000 in-kind time | $2000 | Time for gardening planning and support |
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| **Total Leveraged Support** | | $ |  |

**Attach at least one letter of support from a School District Superintendent or Building Principal.**

**Applications are due by 5:00 PM CST on March 28, 2025. Completed applications include:**

**(1) Grant Application**

**(2) Proposed Budget Justification and Budget (included in application)**

**(3) Letter of Support from School Superintendent or Principal.**

**(4) Signed W9 (school-based); Signed W9, 501c3 Letter, and signed Bylaws (non-school based)**

**Email completed application to Dakota Staggs at** [**dstaggs@nebraskachildren.org**](mailto:dstaggs@nebraskachildren.org) **AND** [**apearson@nebraskachildren.org**](mailto:apearson@nebraskachildren.org)