



**SCHOLAR**  
**STRONG**

*“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”*

*- Harriet Tubman*

The Scholar Strong grant program is designed to support our community's students by providing opportunities and support for teachers and staff to develop and implement innovative instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to learn and achieve.



## OVERVIEW

Amplify GR seeks to widen pathways so that all residents have a greater opportunity to participate in and benefit from community growth. We are partnering with residents, local businesses, community organizations and neighborhood schools to bring about lasting change for residents in the neighborhoods surrounding the business districts of Boston Square and Cottage Grove.

Our holistic approach to catalyzing investment into the community without displacing its people has four areas of focus: jobs and entrepreneurship, mixed-income housing, education, and community well-being.

As part of our education focus area, the Scholar Strong grant program is designed to support our community's students by providing opportunities and support for teachers and staff to develop and implement innovative instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to learn and achieve.

Together let's continue to connect, create, and amplify the great things already happening.



*“...students realized very quickly that they wanted to be able to challenge themselves to think differently and use each other as resources.”*

- 2019 Grantee

### Eligible Ideas:

- unconventional lessons
- hands-on activities
- projects
- field trips & learning excursions
- presentations
- guest speakers
- artists in residence
- school fairs
- special events.

### Ineligible Ideas:

- capital or property purchases
- staff compensation/wages/expenses
- fulfillment of past financial commitments
- fundraising
- operating expenses not related to the project
- political lobbying efforts
- purchase of alcohol or personal items.

Completed applications due 5:00 p.m. **Monday, October 11, 2021**

# Step 1

## Teacher Information

(if more than one participating – please list one lead contact)

Name:  
Primary Phone:  
Secondary Phone:  
Primary Email:  
Secondary Email:

## School Information

Please select one.

- Dickinson Elementary
- Hope Academy of West Michigan
- River City Scholars



## Project Information

Grade Level(s):  
 Number of Students:  
 Subject(s):

What type of funding are you seeking?  
 Classroom (up to \$500)  
 Collaborative (up to \$1,000)

Amount Requested: \$  
 Total Project Costs: \$

Scholar Strong proposals should address one of the following focus areas:  
 Early Literacy, Writing, Creative Communications  
 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics)  
 College and Career Readiness  
 Restorative Practices or Social Emotional Learning

By signing and submitting this application you are assuring that:

- Project can and will be completed by **May 27, 2022**
- If granted, the award will be used **ONLY** for the specific purposes and school programs listed on your application.
- An evaluation is required to be submitted at the end of the 2021-2022 school year by the grantee, summarizing classroom implementation of the award.
- Applicants who are awarded a grant are making a commitment to sharing evidence of impact, which includes permitting the use of your name(s), and your school’s name in any publicity related to the Scholar Strong Mini-Grant Program.
- Grantees will submit photo or video documentation to highlight the experience.

Grantee Signature:  
Date:

Principal Signature:  
Date:



## Step 2

Please answer the following questions related to your plans for implementing your Scholar Strong award with as much detail as possible.

**Q1:** Provide an overview of your program. What makes it innovative? What is your target audience, grade level(s), and number of students? How does it align with one of the identified goal areas?

**Q3:** How do you plan to measure/quantify those specific outcomes? How will you evaluate whether or not your project is successful?

**Q2:** What are the specific measurable outcomes you anticipate as a result of your project? How do these outcomes align with one of the identified goal area(s)?

**Q4:** Describe any partnerships or collaborations that will be developed as part of your project. Will you be working with other teachers, or business/community members? If so, how will this enhance your project?

**Q5:** Provide a budget for your project highlighting specific expenditures and descriptions of how those expenditures support the project. Include any in-kind resources that have been committed to the project (this can be financial resources/dollar amounts, as well as human resource/time commitments which bring value to your project).

**Q7:** How might you be able to sustain your project beyond the 2021-2022 school year?

**Q6:** Is this a new project or are you expanding/replicating another project? Explain how either response (new or expanding/replicating) might align with broader school improvement efforts in your school.

**Q8:** Is your application complete?

**STEP 1 + STEP 2**

The completed application **must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 11, 2021.**

\* Email applications ARE ACCEPTED!

\* Completed applications will be reviewed by the Scholar Strong committee

\* All projects must be complete with evaluation submitted no later than **May 27, 2022**

\* Grant approval or denial will be made no later than **October 25, 2021**

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