

Guidelines for Application for the Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grant

The Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grants are intended to promote an innovative redesign of instruction and improved academic performance of students who are gifted through collaboration among gifted students or teachers and other students, colleagues, mentors, or agencies. It is expected that this collaboration will enhance instruction and the academic performance of gifted students. Collaboration may be with general education classrooms, classrooms for students with disabilities, other gifted classes, other schools or school districts, professionals in a particular field who are willing to become mentors and share expertise, colleges or universities, museums, and laboratories. These collaborations may involve face-to-face interaction and coordination through the use of technology such as the Internet. Proposals involving general education students need to ensure the collaboration will support the achievement of the gifted learners. Your district, or teachers in your district, are invited to submit an application.

Applications must:

- contain the original signature of the superintendent
- be submitted with the original and four copies (Faxes will not be accepted. It is not necessary to include copies of the instructions or appendices.)
- be received at the Florida Department of Education by the close-of-business on or before **January 25, 2008**
- follow the guidelines in the 2008-09 Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grant Proposal Instructions
- be typewritten or word processed using a font size no smaller than 12
- include correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation

Each district may submit a maximum of five applications. Applications will be reviewed using criteria specified in the application instructions. We anticipate notifying applicants of the review outcome in May 2008. The effective dates for all approved projects will be July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

Applicants are encouraged to file a notice of intent to apply. Frequently asked questions, clarifications, changes, or addenda will be provided to those filing notice of intent.

The amount of funding awarded to any one project will be based on the estimated costs of the proposed program; however, a maximum of \$10,000.00 will be awarded to each project. Funding will be competitive and based on the recommendations of a review team, contingent upon the Governor's signature of approval on the General Appropriations Act. Consideration will be given to geographical distribution throughout the state.

Applications should be submitted by **January 25, 2008**, to:

Grants Management/Challenge Grants
Florida Department of Education
Turlington Building, Room 325
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400