

Guidelines for Application for the Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grants

The Collaborative Curriculum Projects are intended to promote an innovative redesign of instruction and improved academic performance of students who are gifted through collaboration among gifted students and educators, and other students, colleagues, consultants, mentors, or agencies. There is a requirement for collaboration with a community college or public or private college or university that is a joint intellectual effort to enhance the academic achievement of students who are gifted.

These collaborative projects may provide professional development opportunities for teachers of the gifted to ensure appropriate instructional strategies for challenging students. Participation in this project is open to all school districts in the State of Florida. Funding is competitive and based on the recommendations of a review team.

Applications must:

- contain the original signature of the superintendent;
- be submitted with the original and six copies (Faxes will not be accepted);
- be received at the Florida Department of Education by the close of business on or before **February 25, 2011**;
- be prepared following the guidelines in the 2011-12 Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grant Projects Proposal Instructions;
- be typewritten or word processed using a font size no smaller than Arial 11;
- and include correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Each district may submit one application. Applications will be reviewed using criteria specified in the application instructions. We anticipate notifying applicants of the review outcome no later than June, 2011. The effective dates for all approved projects will be July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Applicants are encouraged to file a notice of intent to apply. All 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. 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.

Applications should be submitted by **February 25, 2011**, to:

Grants Management/Challenge Grants
Florida Department of Education
Turlington Building, Room 332
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400