

TO: Spartanburg County School Teachers  
FROM: Jennifer Snow, Mini-Grants Chair  
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RE: 2010-2011 Mini-Grants and Team Grants Programs

**Junior League of Spartanburg is Now Accepting  
Mini-Grant Applications for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Since 1986, the Junior League of Spartanburg has been providing Spartanburg County school teachers with the funding they need. We are pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for our 2010-2011 Mini-Grants Program. In an effort to improve our current timeline we have changed the dates in order to allow teachers to submit grant proposals during the school year that will be funded the following October when the new school year begins.

Teachers may apply for individual grants up to \$600, or team grants up to \$1,000. Please review the new and updated grant requirements, because if your submission does not meet the requirements your grant will not be considered due to the large number we receive.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS Wednesday, MARCH 31, 2010.**

Applications are judged anonymously by a review committee composed of teachers, administrators and community leaders involved in education. The panel considers the following factors when evaluating proposals: creativity, benefit to students, degree of student involvement, efficient use of funds, and adaptability of project for use by other teachers. We have a notebook at the Junior League office with grant proposals that were awarded funding last year. You may visit the Junior League office if you would like to read these applications.

Please remember the following when applying for Mini-Grants:

- Projects should directly involve students.
- Funds can be used to purchase equipment or to provide field trip transportation, but not when these activities are ends in themselves.
- Proposals may incorporate matching funds or community resources. Students or PTO's may raise matching funds, or a community organization may donate needed services or equipment.
- Interdisciplinary, team-matching projects, or those involving different age groups are acceptable.
- Portions of grants can be used to compensate experts who work with students, but may not be used to pay public school teachers or staff.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [jensno81@gmail.com](mailto:jensno81@gmail.com), or contact Cathy Lewson at the Junior League office at 583-5842 or [junleagu@bellsouth.net](mailto:junleagu@bellsouth.net).

Electronic files of the applications and cover sheets are available at <http://www.jlspartanburg.org>.

Thanks and I look forward to receiving your applications!  
Jennifer Snow, Mini-Grants Chair