



Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of frequently asked question regarding the competitive and legislatively named grants offered by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

1. Does your agency provide grants for my children to attend private school?
 - a. No, MDE does not provide grant assistance for attendance to a private school. We suggest contacting the business office of the school your children attend. They may have more information for you regarding their tuition and financial aid options.
2. We are a private school and would like to apply for a competitive grant. Can we apply for a grant offered by MDE?
 - a. That can vary from grant to grant. Please review the grant instructions. We will always list there who can apply for the grant.
3. I will be attending a public university in the fall. Do you have a grant that I can apply for to help pay for tuition?
 - a. If you are looking for financial aid for your personal higher education pursuits, please contact the [Minnesota Office of Higher Education](#). They can assist you with your financial aid options.
4. I would like to obtain public data regarding a grant. How do I request public data from MDE?
 - a. Please make your request of the specific data you would like to see to Tim Larson at timothy.e.larson@state.mn.us.
5. I would like to know what grants my district can apply for from MDE. Where do I find that information?
 - a. We list all available competitive grants on the [Competitive Grant Seeking page](#). On the first page of the grant instructions we will list the type of entity that each grant is open to for application. Please note that we will only accept applications on the active competitive grants.
6. Our district received a grant from MDE. Whom do I contact with questions?
 - a. Please see the [Grant Services Staff List](#). This list has each of our grants specialists and the specific program area that they work on.
7. I have an educational grant opportunity offered by a non-profit. Can you put a link to that grant on your website?
 - a. No. The website maintained by MDE is only for grants offered by this agency.