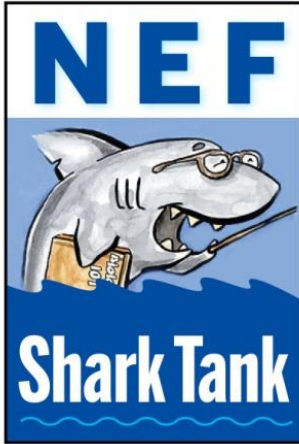


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## Norwalk Education Foundation's 2nd Classroom Innovation Grants a la Shark Tank

### Here's how it works:

#### Overview

- Students may work alone or with a group.
- Each project must have a staff supporter to sign off on the proposal.
- Ideas must enhance their school. Ideas should address one or more of the following: academics, extra-curricular activities, social-emotional well being, physical health/nutrition or safety.
- Proposals which can be sustained after the NEF funding period will be given priority.
- Proposals are due by **March 3rd**.
- An NEF committee will review proposals and select finalists to present *Shark Tank* style to a group of community, education and business leaders on **March 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- Project budgets should not exceed \$500.
- Funding will be provided to schools by mid April.
- Formal check presentation will be held at the NEF Spelling Bee on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Submission Criteria

- Proposals should be submitted via email to: [info@norwalkeducation.org](mailto:info@norwalkeducation.org) by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- Proposals must include a budget, itemizing all costs. Links to purchasing sites can be included as back up.
- Proposals must be signed off by an educator/administrator in the school.
- Please answer all questions on the application, not to exceed 2 pages (budget can be separate).

#### **\*Important**

NEF will not fund daily supplies like paper, pens, and pencils nor do we fund field trips.

# Norwalk Education Foundation “Shark Tank” Application:

**Student Names (can submit alone or as a group):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff supporter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_

*In no more than 2 pages, please answer the following questions:*

1. Describe your proposal with a short project description, including timeline, goals and how you will sustain in subsequent years after NEF funding is over.
2. How will this project enhance your school? How will it engage students, improve learning or pilot a new and innovative idea?
3. What inspired this idea? What research have you done to make sure it's a worthwhile idea? Can you provide any examples of this idea being implemented in other schools?
4. How much will this cost? Please provide a complete budget with costs for all items.

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