PLTW-ARDAGH GROUP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Grant Overview

Ardagh Group is a global supplier of sustainable, infinitely recyclable metal and glass packaging for brand owners around the world. As part of its global Sustainability strategy the company launched Ardagh for Education, to give back to its communities and its people by supporting quality youth education programs that will empower future generations. This includes a $50 million commitment over the next ten years in its U.S. communities in partnership with PLTW. Learn more about this partnership here.

PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaborative skills – relevant to any career or role they take on – and prepares teachers to engage their students in hands-on learning.

This partnership recognizes the critical role education, and access to education, plays in ensuring equal opportunities and in building successful, vibrant communities. It is expected that over the next 10 years, Ardagh sponsored education programs will benefit more than 500,000 PreK-12 students as well as delivering best-in-class teacher training to more than 5,000 teachers across 2,000 schools in Ardagh's U.S. communities.

These grant opportunities are designed to support your school's implementation of new or expansion of existing PLTW Launch, PLTW Gateway, and PLTW Engineering programs.

Grant Details

PLTW Launch (preK-5)

New programs: $20,000
- 2024-25: $10,000 and reporting
- 2025-26: $10,000 and reporting
- 2026-27: reporting only

Expansion of existing programs: $10,000
- 2024-25: $10,000 and reporting
- 2025-26: reporting only

Grantee must implement PLTW Launch for three academic years. Grantee must offer at least one PLTW Launch module in the 2024-2025 academic year and must offer two additional modules in two grades in the 2025-2026 academic year (three different modules in two years).

Existing PLTW Launch program grantees must do one of the following:
- Add PLTW Launch modules not already offered within a grade
- Add grades who experience PLTW Launch if not already offering to all grades
- Train more PLTW Launch classroom or lead teachers

PLTW Gateway (6-8)

New programs: $30,000
- 2024-25: $15,000 and reporting
- 2025-26: $15,000 and reporting
- 2026-27: reporting only

Expansion of existing programs: $15,000
- 2024-25: $15,000 and reporting
- 2025-26: reporting only

Grantee must offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit in the 2024-2025 academic year and must offer one additional unit in the 2025-2026 academic year (two different units in two years). Grantee may implement any PLTW Gateway units of their choosing.

Existing PLTW Gateway program grantees must do one of the following:
- Add a PLTW Gateway unit not already offered to students
- Increase the number of times a PLTW Gateway unit is taught throughout the year
- Train at least one more teacher in a PLTW Gateway unit

PLTW Engineering (9-12)

New programs: $50,000
- 2024-25: $25,000 and reporting
- 2025-26: $25,000 and reporting
- 2026-27: reporting only

Expansion of existing programs: $15,000
- 2024-25: $15,000
- 2025-26: reporting only

Grantee must offer the PLTW Engineering program for three academic years. Grantee must offer at least one PLTW Engineering course in the 2024-2025 academic year and must offer one additional course in the 2025-2026 academic year (two different courses in two years). Grantee may implement any PLTW Engineering courses of their choosing.

Existing PLTW Engineering program grantees must do one of the following:
- Add a PLTW Engineering course not already offered to students
- Increase the number of times an existing PLTW Engineering course is taught throughout the year
- Train at least one more teacher in a PLTW Engineering course

Use of Funds

Allowable Expenses
PLTW Participation Fee; PLTW Core Training and the following related expenses incurred: travel, room, and board; Required computers and/or tablets; Program required equipment and supplies; Stipends for use during PLTW Core Training

Unallowable Expenses
Salaries; Benefits; Meals; Infrastructure; Renovations; Indirect Costs; Training Cancellation Fees; Training Substitution Fees; Trainings where there was a no-show; Trainings where a credential was not earned; Any other expenses unspecific as allowable

*Equipment and supplies listed as Optional (are allowable if an expansion grant and unallowable if a new program grant)

Grant Reporting Requirements

Grantees receiving a PLTW grant are required to submit an Annual Grant Report and Annual Grant Financial Report by April 15 for each year of the grant period. Grantees must also assist PLTW in collecting annual teacher and student surveys. Surveys will be administered by PLTW and are intended to inform PLTW's continual improvement efforts and to share outcomes with funding supporters of the grant program.

How to Apply

The grant application is available through myPLTW, the single point of access to everything schools and districts need to implement, manage, and grow their PLTW programs, including grant services.

To access and submit your application through myPLTW, please follow these steps:

1. Click Apply Now below.
2. If you already have a myPLTW account, log in with your username and password.
    2a. If you are a new user, select Create Educator Account and follow the instructions.
3. After logging in to myPLTW, click Grants on the homepage to access the application.

You can find additional information about PLTW grants in the Help section of myPLTW.

Apply by November 17, 2023

START YOUR APPLICATION NOW!