High School Classical Curriculum Chairman's Grant

Call for Proposals

To strengthen the teaching of classical humanities curricula in American high schools, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is issuing a call for proposals for a discretionary Chairman's Grant of up to $30,000 to enhance existing programs, resources, or courses in the fields of Classics, Great Books, and/or Western civilization. Projects may take a variety of approaches to the topic(s), but must draw on humanities disciplines such as philosophy, history, languages and literature, political science, archaeology, and Classics.

Applicants for a High School Classical Curriculum Chairman's Grant **must currently teach courses** in one or more of the following interest areas: **Classics, Great Books, and/or Western civilization**. Proposals must be directly related to the teaching of these subjects to high school students.

Application Deadline	February 10, 2027, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time
Award Amounts	Up to $30,000
Estimated Number and Type of Awards	Approximately 30 grants
Period of Performance	Up to one year. Projects must start between May 1, 2027, and August 1, 2027.
Eligible Applicants	This opportunity is open to **public, charter, independent, and religiously affiliated high schools** established in the United States or its jurisdictions as one of the following: • nonprofit organizations recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code • state and local governments and their agencies • federally recognized Native American Tribal governments Institutions of higher education, individuals, and other organizations, including foreign and for-profit entities, are ineligible.
Grants.gov application package	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/357263 AH2027, Chairman's Awards: Division of Education
Information on registering with SAM.gov and Grants.gov	NEH's General Application Guide for Awards to Organizations, Step 2: Prepare to apply

Outcomes of this award should include an enhanced capacity to teach Classics, Great Books, and/or Western civilization at the recipient institution. Outputs of this award may include, but are not limited to:

- revised or new courses, programs, or curricula in Classics, Great Books, and/or Western civilization
- materials to support humanities teaching in these interest areas, such as books, curated resources for students, or teacher curriculum guides
- faculty development programs in these areas, including partnerships with local cultural institutions, neighboring school districts, and/or institutions of higher education

The elements of the application are explained below and in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program. Refer to this document for application information specific to this initiative; the NOFO provides more general information.

You will create a narrative, work plan, biographies, and course list, and attach them as PDFs using the Attachments Form that is part of the Grants.gov application package.

Application Component	File Name	Designation	Page limit
Attachments			
1: Narrative	narrative.pdf	Required	2-3 pages (suggested)
2: Work plan	workplan.pdf	Required	1 page (suggested)
3: Biographies	biographies.pdf	Required	1 paragraph per person (suggested)
4: Subrecipient budget(s)	subrecipient.pdf	Conditionally required	
5: Federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement	agreement.pdf	Conditionally required	
6: Explanation of delinquent federal debt	delinquentdebt.pdf	Conditionally required	
7: Course list	courselist.pdf	Required	
Grants.gov forms			
SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance - Short Organizational		Required	
Supplementary Cover Sheet for NEH Grant Programs		Required	
Project/Performance Site(s) Location Form		Required	
Research and Related Budget and Budget Justification		Required	
Attachments Form		Required	

Narrative (two to three single-spaced pages)

- Provide a project title and briefly explain your project in two to three sentences.
- Briefly explain the main outputs of your project and how they relate to the teaching of Classics, Great Books, and/or Western civilization.

- Describe your current curriculum in Classics, Great Books, and/or Western civilization, and how this award will enhance your ability to teach these subjects.
- Provide a one-paragraph description of your high school, including its mission, and describe how that mission aligns with the interest areas of this grant opportunity.
- Describe the impact of your proposed activities, including the number of students who will benefit from this award.
- Describe any external partnerships planned as part of this award.

Work plan: (one to two single-spaced pages) Explain the timeline of activities to be completed over the 12-month period of performance.

Biographies of key personnel: (one to two single-spaced pages) Provide a one paragraph biography for the project director, other key members of the project team, and guest participants such as humanities scholars or educators. For each, briefly explain their role in the proposed project and qualifications to fulfill that role. **Do not submit CVs or resumes.**

Course List: Submit a course description or syllabus for existing curriculum you propose to strengthen or new courses you propose to create; include relevant bibliographies or reading lists.

Grants.gov forms: The application package includes Grants.gov forms that you will complete within your Grants.gov Workspace. Refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for instructions on completing these forms:

- Application for Federal Domestic Assistance - Short Organizational
- Supplementary Cover Sheet for NEH Grant Programs
- Project/Performance Site(s) Location
- Research and Related Budget form and accompanying budget justification

Allowable Budget Items include, but are not limited to:

- stipends for project team members, including faculty, collaborators, consultants, and other participants
- materials and supplies
- travel, lodging, and per diem costs for consultants

Funding Restrictions

The following restrictions are in addition to the funding restrictions in the NOFO:

- travel for students or faculty, such as conferences or field trips
- salary for temporary or replacement faculty
- tuition remission, scholarships, grants, or other payments to students
- projects centered on pedagogical theory or research on educational methods, tests, or measurements
- the rental of recreational facilities and costs related to social events such as banquets, receptions, and entertainment
- the cost of meals not covered by the NEH food policy

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