

2026-27 Service Learning Grants



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Service Learning is a teaching and learning method that combines classroom lessons to real-world, meaningful community service.

It helps students:

- **Build Confidence** – See themselves as leaders and problem-solvers.
- **Work Better Together** – Improve teamwork, communication, and empathy.
- **Think Smarter** – Strengthen critical thinking and apply knowledge in new ways.

Students who take part in service learning feel more connected to their school, their community, and their future. It's a powerful way to learn, grow, and make a difference!

Service Learning Grants are available to support classrooms from 4th to 12th grade in northern Chautauqua County.

Eligible projects must include:

- A clear learning outcome aligned with an educational standard.
- Meaningful community service that makes a positive impact.

Grant awards generally do not exceed \$1,000. Funding may be used for materials, supplies, equipment, technology, guest speakers, and similar resources (salaries are not eligible for funding). The cost of transportation (if needed) is considered separately. Please refer to the application for details.

Projects that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and sustainability are encouraged. Additionally, projects with long-term viability or those that can be easily replicated may receive special consideration.

Please note: This program is designed to support classroom-based projects that engage students in meaningful, hands-on learning. School clubs are not eligible.

Applications will be accepted through April 17, 2026. Awards will be announced in late May.

Please contact Eileen Ardillo, Program Coordinator, with your questions, or if assistance is needed in completing the application, 366-4892 or eardillo@nccfoundation.org.



PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS

Teacher

Phone

Email

School & School District

Project Title

Related Course

Number of Students Involved

Grade Level(s)

Total Project Cost

Amount Requested

Number of Service Days or Hours

Brief Project Description
(include how students will be involved)



Service Components

Learning Components

Community Partners

Budget

Transportation Budget (optional)

Signature

Print Name

Date

*Submit completed application to eardillo@nccfoundation.org or
212 Lake Shore Drive West in Dunkirk, NY 14048.*

