



The 1701 Group
Links to Learning Program

Teacher Award Application Guidelines

The 1701 Group is an all-volunteer service organization supporting students, seniors, and veterans. One of our 11 philanthropic programs is the Links to Learning program which funds awards to teachers to enhance student learning. Awards may be up to \$500.00 per teacher. Applications may be individual or joint with a maximum of four teachers included in joint applications (\$2,000 maximum award for joint applications). Schools are funded on a rotating basis, and this is your school's year to apply. **Applications must be submitted to the 1701 website by October 16, 2026.**

Purpose: To benefit children of the Washoe County School District by (1) giving educators an opportunity to enhance or develop new and different approaches to teaching, (2) giving educators the opportunity to expand existing programs, and/or (3) providing extracurricular activities that relate to academic objectives or goals.

Eligibility: All educators (no administrators, secretaries, or support staff) in the designated schools will be eligible. Each applicant can submit one Project Proposal, either individually OR in conjunction with other applicants. Your name can appear on only one application. All applicants must be directly related to the project. Applications must be signed by the school principal as an indication of awareness and support of the request.

Project Criteria: All projects must meet the following criteria:

1. Directly involve and benefit students
2. Focus on student achievement
3. Have measurable objectives
4. Provide curriculum support and/or support the school improvement plan.

Project Conditions:

1. Project applications must be complete and adhere to the above guidelines.
2. Monies requested should not include sales tax.
3. Materials and equipment funded by The 1701 Group for the Links to Learning program will become the property of the Washoe County School District and remain with the recipient's school.
4. All projects must be completed within the 2026-2027 school year.

Review and Selection: Applications will be reviewed by the Links to Learning Committee of The 1701 Group. Successful applicants will receive their awards by the end of October 2025. **Funds received should be spent or designated by December 18, 2026.**

Evaluation Requirements:

1. Each individual recipient or group must submit a one-page project evaluation by **May 1, 2027**. You will be asked to address student achievement of project objectives and project impact. Evaluation forms will be available online on April 1, 2026.
2. If you are unable to complete an awarded project, Sue Gonyou (sgrun716@aol.com).