# **ED PLUS! DONATION FORM**

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Your donation is 100% tax-deductible and will help support our public school teachers and nonprofits serving communities in Solano County and River Delta.

Gifts may be made online via PayPal using a credit card - just follow the "donate" link found on the Education Plus! Grant Program Fund page on the SCF website at www.solanocf.org.

Or, you may send us your gift by check. Simply complete the Donation Form above and mail to:

> **Solano Community Foundation** 744 Empire St., Suite 240 Fairfield, CA 94533

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

California has one of the largest gaps in student achievement, ranking 49th in the nation when compared with other states.

While students are improving on state assessments overall, students who have historically been furthest behind are progressing at a slower rate, thus widening the achievement gap.

SCF is committed to supporting these most vulnerable students and their families and begin to close the growing achievement gap.

Since the launch of the Education Plus! Program in 2000, almost \$400,000 has been awarded in grants to benefit over 21,000 Solano County students.







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# **Education Plus!** Grant **Program**

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### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**Education Plus! Grant Program** 

The long-term goal of the Education Plus! Grant Program is to raise the economic level of families by providing better education outcomes, and thus employment opportunities, to help build a stronger community.

SCF has partnered with Rise Together Bay Area to help achieve these program objectives

Grants are available for community nonprofit organizations and public school teachers in grades K-12. Funding focus is on projects that put the 'Plus! factor' in learning.

Those that 1) help students achieve or improve reading literacy at the 3rd grade level, and 2) those programs that help students achieve math skills for appropriate math course placement at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be strongly considered for support.

Classroom or library projects, after-school tutoring or mentoring programs, and all educational activities that positively improve the quality of life are eligible for funding.



# THE "PLUS!" FACTOR



Applicants should describe the "Plus!" factor that the proposed project brings to the participating students.

Programs designed to do one or more of the following will receive priority consideration:

- Motivate students to achieve and improve basic learning skills.
- Help underachieving students to reach their full potential.
- Provide meaningful and measurable learning objectives.
- Make continued use of non-consumable, reusable materials purchased with grant monies.
- There must be an explanation for how the difference (shortfall) will be funded if the project cost exceeds the amount requested.

Applying for a grant does not guarantee an award. All grant recipients must submit a written final report on the outcomes of the funded project.

### HOW TO APPLY

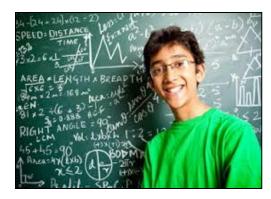
The grant application cycle begins each February 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on November 17<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Application materials are available to view and download from the Education Plus! Grant Program web page on the SCF website (www.solanocf.org). Use only these forms to apply.

Duplicate/identical applications are not acceptable and will disqualify applicants. Submit only one application per program, teacher, or activity. Handwritten applications are not acceptable.

Each application must include an itemized list of project expenses and the total project cost.

Public school teachers (K-12) in Solano County and River Delta (Solano County part) districts and qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible and encouraged to apply.



Recipients are selected based on meeting the selection criteria, the number of applications received, and available funding.