

THE CUPERTINO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
2025-2026 Patricia A. Lamson Endowment Fund
for Reading Literacy Scholarship

DESCRIPTION

The Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) is committed to supporting outstanding public education for all students in the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD).

In partnership with CUSD, CEEF is pleased to announce the 2025-2026 Patricia A. Lamson Endowment Fund for Reading Literacy Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor exemplary instructional efforts in English Language Arts within CUSD.

APPLICATION

The 2025-2026 Patricia A. Lamson Endowment Fund for Reading Literacy Scholarship will focus on the tenets of the CUSD Strategic Plan. Applications will highlight how ***relevant and rigorous instruction*** as well as ***personalized learning*** come to life during phonics, reading and writing classroom instruction.

Relevant & Rigorous Instruction

- **Foundations for Success:** Students learn and apply foundational skills within and across multiple content areas to support deeper learning and reach mastery.
- **Critical Thinking & Communication:** Students practice thinking critically, communicating and collaborating to identify, research, analyze and design solutions for complex problems.

Personalized Learning

- **Student Ownership of Learning:** Student voice is valued and learners are supported and empowered to pursue passions, and improved by setting goals, seeking out mentors, providing input on learning objectives, and reflecting on learning to identify next steps.
- **Flexible Pace and Pathways:** Each learner is unique. Instruction is adapted to meet learning needs and styles to ensure each child makes learner-driven choices, is on their "edge" and builds intrinsic motivation.
- **Data-Driven Planning and Instruction:** Teaching is responsive to student needs, drawing from assessments which include competency-based tools, self-reflection, and feedback.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2026

Please submit your application to director@ceefcares.org no later than March 27, 2026 for consideration. All applicants will be notified by April 3, 2026 regarding their submission.

Award Announcement: **April 23, 2026** at the CUSD Board meeting. Winner(s) does not need to be present.

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Guidelines

- Grant money may be used for training or materials that will support the tenets of the Strategic Plan in phonics, reading and/or writing instruction.
- Applicants are asked to describe how your training/materials support relevant and rigorous instruction and personalized learning based on the description above.
- Current CUSD teachers and School Library Media Clerks may apply

Conditions of the Scholarship

- CUSD teachers and School Library Media Clerks who wish to apply for the \$800 scholarship must complete the attached application (*see next page*). Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- CUSD teachers and School Library Media Clerks applying for the grant must explicitly describe how the grant would enhance focus on relevant and rigorous instruction and personalized learning.
- CUSD teachers and School Library Media Clerks applying for the grant must remain within the \$800 budget.
- CUSD teachers and School Library Media Clerks who receive the scholarship may be asked to share how the scholarship money was spent and what programmatic/instructional changes occurred because of the training received and/or materials purchased with CUSD's Instructional Services Department or grade level team members.
- Preference may be given to previous non-recipients. Recipients may not receive the award two consecutive years in a row.

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Application Form

Name:

School:

Grade:

1. Which elements of the CUSD Strategic Plan will be addressed? Explain why.
2. How will the proposed training or materials support this shift in instruction?
3. What change(s) do you anticipate in your teaching methods and/or your students' learning and/or skills?
4. How will your training/materials support relevant and rigorous instruction and personalized learning?
5. Please provide a tentative budget detailing how the \$800 scholarship will be utilized, using the budget format below. Please include appropriate sales tax and consider shipping costs (approximately 10% or relevant estimate) in your proposed budget. For books and/or materials, please include the title, author, and publisher.

Budget

Item	Description/Purpose	Cost
	Total Proposed Budget:	