



INDIANA CHALLENGER-COLUMBIA TEACHER GRANT APPLICATION

Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana would like to help you offset the cost of your Challenger field trip program! To apply for funding support, please complete the following application. This application is only open to schools that have already booked their 2025-2026 programs. Only one application is required per grade level, but all participating teachers should sign the application. The grant must be received by Challenger Learning Center of NWI no later than Saturday, May 31st, 2025.

Date: _____

Contact Teacher Name(s): _____

Teacher's Email Address(es): _____

Grade/Subject: _____

I have already booked my program(s) for the 2025/2026 school year: **Yes** **No**

School: _____

School Address: _____

County school is in: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Funding is being requested for:

PROGRAMS:	Number of Programs/ Groups
Moon Base Explorer	(K - 2 nd Grades)
Engineering Ed-Ventures	(3 rd & 4 th Grades)
Simulated Space Missions (Comet, Moon, or Mars)	5 th - 8 th Grades)
Science Labs (Rocketry or Living in Space)	(5 th - 8 th Grades)

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Grant Narrative

- Reply to the following questions in a typed document, double-spaced and no smaller than size 12 font narrative.
- Completed applications (application page and typed narrative) are due to Challenger Learning Center of NWI by Saturday, May 31st, 2025.
- Grant applications may be faxed (219-989-3256), emailed (cearing@clcnwi.com) or mailed to: **Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana, 2300 173rd Street, Hammond, IN 46323.**

Questions

1. Is your school designated as a Title I school? (Yes/No)
2. What percentage of students at your school qualify for free/reduced lunch?
3. Does your school currently receive STEM enrichment funding or grants from other sources? (If yes, please specify) *Please note that receiving funding from other supporters does not disqualify your school from receiving financial assistance through the Challenger/Columbia Teacher Grant. We encourage all schools in need to apply.*
4. How will this experience enhance your students' understanding of STEM education and careers?
5. Without financial assistance, would your students be able to attend this field trip? (Yes/No/Maybe)
6. What (if any) challenges does your school/district face in providing STEM enrichment opportunities for your students?



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Award Process

Dollar amounts awarded vary from year to year based on the number of applicants and funds available. **No program will be entirely funded by Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana.** Award notifications will be made via email in first week of August 2025. Please do not call Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana by phone prior to this date to inquire about the status of your award.

I understand the following requirements if I do receive teacher grant funds:

1. I may be required to have my students complete a survey regarding their experience within 30 days after completion of the program(s).
2. I will be required to have my students send ONE COMBINED class thank you note to Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana within 30 days after completion of the programs unless otherwise notified. Failure to do so may make applicant ineligible to receive further grant funding from the Challenger-Columbia Grant Fund.

Visit us at www.clnwi.com for more information on programs, teacher training, and educational materials to use in class.