

connect

School ↔ Community Microgrant Program



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SASKATCHEWAN
TEACHERS'
FEDERATION

Application Form

2025-2026 School Year

*Applications Due
October 30!*

Email completed application to
connect@passion2action.ca

About CONNECT

The CONNECT School ↔ Community Microgrant Program is an opportunity for Saskatchewan teachers to **facilitate meaningful connections for students in the local community**. A collaboration of passion2action Youth Empowerment and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, this program aims to encourage renewed community engagement in schools, offer leadership development opportunities for students, and encourage active citizenship in and out of the classroom.

The CONNECT program involves four components:



Microgrants

Successful applicants from throughout Saskatchewan will be awarded a microgrant of up to \$500 to help finance their proposed project. Funds are intended to reduce the financial barrier for teachers to facilitate programs and students to participate.



Project Support

From the initial project proposal to facilitating the opportunity with students, our team is there to support participating teachers every step of the way and will be in regular contact to check-in on your progress and provide ideas and guidance.



Leadership Development

As part of the CONNECT program, teachers will have access to a number of leadership development modules for students to learn important skills for the success of the project and for life. *Use of these modules is completely voluntary.*



Networking

To inspire and be inspired, the entire CONNECT cohort comes together (virtually) for monthly check-ins throughout the school year to share project updates and connect with other teachers from throughout the province.

Program Eligibility

Applications to be part of the third CONNECT cohort in the 2025-2026 school year are welcomed from **teachers and school staff from any school in Saskatchewan**.

The following types of projects **are not eligible**:

- Projects supported as part of a previous CONNECT cohort
- Poorly defined projects lacking specific community partners
- Projects connected to fundraising initiatives that do not offer direct community engagement opportunities for students
- Regular or recurring school excursions and trips, or out-of-province travel
- Capital expenses or the purchase of equipment for the school

Priority will be given to projects that involve recurring / sustained opportunities for community engagement, as compared to events and “one-off” interactions.

Project Themes

All proposed projects must align with one or more of the following program themes:



Arts and Culture



Citizenship
and Activism



Environmentalism



Social and Emotional
Wellbeing



Truth and
Reconciliation

The selection panel may give preference to projects that integrate multiple program themes.

Application Process

Applications to be part of the third CONNECT cohort in the 2025-2026 school year are **due by Thursday, October 30 @ 11:59 PM**. Late applications may not be considered.

Please email your completed application to connect@passion2action.ca. You can expect to receive an email response from the passion2action Team within 72 hours confirming receipt of your application.

After applications are received, they will be reviewed by a selection panel composed of representatives from both passion2action and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. **All applicants can expect to receive an email by mid-November** with the decision of the panel. Decisions are considered final.

Successful applicants will be onboarded as part of the third CONNECT cohort in late November. **All projects must be completed before the end of the 2025-2026 school year**, including submission of a mandatory project report.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the passion2action Team with any questions about the CONNECT program or application process. We're here to help! You can reach us via email at connect@passion2action.ca.

PART I – Applicant Info

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Note: Email will be used as the primary means of communication. Please regularly check your email inbox for updates from passion2action and ensure that important emails are not inadvertently being filtered into your 'junk' folder.

School Name: _____

School Division: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

PART II – Project Proposal

Briefly describe your proposed project.

Please briefly explain your project and what you hope to accomplish.

Which community partners do you plan to engage? What would they contribute?

Community partners may include individuals (such as Elders), community groups, or organizations. Please indicate if each community partner has already committed to being a part of your project.

How does your proposed project align with the program themes?

List the theme(s) that your project aligns with and briefly describe how. (see pg. 3 for Program Themes)

PART III – Motivations

What are the expected outcomes for your students?

Briefly describe how students would benefit from participating in your proposed project.

How is your project relevant to the local community?

Briefly describe how your project would make a positive impact in your community.

Why do you want to participate in the CONNECT program?

PART IV – Project Budget

How much funding are you requesting for your project?

\$

You may request **up to \$500** in microgrant funding to support your project. Please note that the selection panel may choose to award some projects with partial funding (less than the dollar value requested).

Provide an estimated breakdown of project expenses.

To help justify your funding request, please provide a detailed breakdown of anticipated project expenses. For each item, offer a brief description and estimated cost. The sum of all expenses should equal the value of your funding request.

Description of Expense	Estimated Cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

PART V – Confirmations

The CONNECT program frequently receives more applications than the available funding. As you prepare to submit your application, please confirm that you understand the expectations for teachers accepted into the CONNECT cohort:

- ☐ I understand that CONNECT projects must be completed before the end of the 2025-26 school year
- ☐ I understand that teachers accepted into the CONNECT cohort are required to submit a Project Report following the completion of the project
- ☐ I understand that teachers accepted into the CONNECT cohort are expected to participate in monthly virtual sessions to share project updates
- ☐ I understand that receiving microgrant funding is conditional on completing onboarding tasks, including submitting a Project Plan
- ☐ I understand that teachers accepted into the CONNECT cohort are expected to check their emails regularly and reply in a timely manner

Signature: _____

Date: _____
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