Couch Oil Cares

Fueling Education Teacher Grant

2026-27 Application

At Couch Oil Cares, our mission is to invest in the success of students and teachers across Central North Carolina. As the non-profit initiative of Couch Oil Company of Durham, we are proud to continue the *Fueling Education Teacher Grant* in the 2026–27 school year. Educators are invited to apply after reviewing the information provided below.

Grant Overview

- **Awards**: Up to 20 grants of up to $1,000 each
- **Distribution**: Funds will be delivered to the recipient's school and deposited into the school's account for the recipient's use.

Eligibility

- Applicants must hold a **North Carolina Pre-K-12 Educator License** (classroom teachers and support staff); previous recipients are not eligible in 2026.
- Applicants must be currently employed in the public schools in **Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, or Wake counties**.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the **Fueling Education Teacher Grant Selection Committee**, which includes representatives from Couch Oil Company, Couch Oil Cares, and community leaders.

Application Process

1. **Access the Application**:
    - Online: couchoilcares.org/teachergrant
    - Couch Oil Cares Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn
    - Hard copies - available upon request
2. **Submit by the Deadline**:
    - **Wednesday, September 30, 2026, by 11:59 PM**
3. **Prepare Required Documents**:
    - Completed application (signed and submitted online or via email)
    - Resume/CV
    - In addition, you may submit supporting documents or letters to enhance the application, including a snapshot of your school and its needs (optional; limit of 3).
4. **Receive Award Notification: November 9-13, 2026** (recipients will receive phone calls)

EMAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS to
teachergrant@couchoilcares.org
OR
SUBMIT THE ONLINE APPLICATION (couchoilcares.org/teachergrant)

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Section I - Personal Information

Applicant Name: First _____ *Last* _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

School Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

Position at your school and years of service: _____

Name of class, program, or department within the school: _____

Name of Project/Funding Request: _____

Amount of Request: _____

(Amount should match Itemized Budget document in Section 2 and not exceed $1000.00.)

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Section 2 - Required Documents

a) Project Description: Attach a document (500 words max) detailing the project's rationale, objectives, and procedures. Include how the project aligns with school goals and enhances student needs. Label the document with your name and "Question 2a."

b) Resume/CV: Attach your resume or CV.

c) Itemized Budget: List specific items to be funded, including vendor, price per item, quantity, and total cost. Ensure the total matches the requested amount (Section 1). Items requested should be reasonable, related to the objective of the project, and appropriate for the number/type of students you will be serving.

Vendor/Item	***Price Per Item***	***# of Items Needed***	***Item Cost***
Total Cost			

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SECTION 3 - Endorsement & Supporting Documents

a. Endorsement of Project (required): Your principal or district supervisor must endorse this project.

Have you discussed this funding request with your principal/district supervisor?

Choose One: _____Yes _____No

Provide his/her contact information for notification should you receive this grant:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

b. Supporting Documents (optional): Attachments that will enhance your application, including a snapshot of your school and its needs (limit of 3).

SECTION 4 - Disclaimer and Signature (required):

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to funding, I understand that misleading or false information in my application may result in the forfeit of any grant monies provided by Couch Oil Cares.

By signing this application, you grant Couch Oil Cares, Inc. permission to use your image in print and/or digital media. In addition, you may be asked to participate in future endeavors and promotions for Couch Oil Cares, Inc.

Signature _____ *Date* _____

Thank you for applying for the

Couch Oil Cares Fueling Education Teacher Grant.

For more information, visit couchoilcares.org/teachergrant

or email teachergrant@couchoilcares.

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