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Applicant Information

1. Name *

Christopher Ahlm

2. School/Department *

KHS Library

3. Phone Number *

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Purpose and Objectives

4. Brief Description of the Project/Initiative *(Provide a concise overview of what you are planning to do)* *

Our students are learning how to participate in Beanstalk, and there are methods to incentive students to not only read more but to also read different genre's of books. I am hoping to offer prizes for students that hit certain benchmarks.

5. Goals and Objectives *(Describe the specific goals and objectives of the project/initiative and how they align with the district's mission and support student learning)* *

Students who complete specific challenges will earn badges, and they can become eligible for drawings. My hope is to offer gift cards to mostly local Kimberly businesses for hitting each of these benchmarks. It is open to all students in the high school and has shown to increase reader engagement in other schools that have it.

Funding Details

6. Total Amount of Funds Requested *

\$1500.00

7. Current/Future Funds *(What funds are currently available for this project and describe future fund-raising plans)* *

Currently I have approximately \$500 for prizes, but the funds will dry up as we no longer collect fines.

8. Estimated Cost for Students *(What is the estimated "out of pocket" cost per student)* *

\$0.00

9. **Budget Breakdown** *(Provide a detailed budget, including specific items, quantities and costs)* *

3 quarters x \$500 per quarter. To purchase \$25-\$50 gift cards from Kimberly businesses such as Tiannas, Arctic Circle, McDonalds (Kimberly Road), Fizz Farm, Subway, and popular businesses like Chic-Fil-A and Dutch Bros.

Impacts and Outcomes

10. **Target Audience** *(Specify who will benefit from this project/initiative, such as specific student groups, grade levels, number of students, etc.)* *

This program is available to students in 9th through 12th grade, and a singular small drawing available for staff if participation is high enough.

11. **Expected Outcomes** *(Detail the expected impact on student learning and academic experience)* *

Students in other schools that have implemented Beanstack have seen improved reading outcomes because the software focusing on attentive reading more than preparing for quizzes. The value is in time spent reading increasing over looking for books that are easier to read.

12. **Evaluation Plan** *(Describe how you will assess the success of the project/initiative)* *

Currently we have a "pilot" group of students that are using the software, and 2nd quarter we will open the program up to other students. Once we roll it out to all students in the school we hope to engage at least 50% of students in completing at least one book entry.

Additional Information

13. **Previous Funding** *(If applicable, list any previous funding received for similar projects/initiatives and their outcomes) **

Previous funding was \$4000.00 from the school board last year, we have revised our request understanding that current federal and state funding has decreased.

14. **Additional Comments** *(Include any other information that may be relevant to the board's decision) **

Students at the middle school are currently using the program and Marianne said implementing it in English classes has resulted in almost 87% of students logging at least once.

Approvals

15. **Applicant Signature** *(Type name below) **

Christopher K Ahlm

16. **Principal/Director Signature** *(Type name below) **

Darin Gonzales

17. **Date** *

10/20/25

Submission Instructions

Please submit completed form at least 10 business days prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting to be considered for funding.

Board Meeting dates can be found at <https://www.kimberly.edu/board-meeting-dates>

The Board kindly requests that a representative, including student representative(s), from your organization be present at the board meeting where your funding request will be discussed. This will allow for any questions or clarifications to be addressed as needed