

2020-2021 Action for Healthy Kids Game On \$1,000- Nutrition Grant Instructions and Checklist Application for Funds due Friday, April 3, 2020

Action for Healthy Kids is pleased to release its *Game On* grant opportunities for the 2020-2021 school year. Schools will be awarded a \$1,000 grant to support physical activity and nutrition initiatives that help schools provide a learning environment where students are healthy, active and ready to learn. Funded schools will also receive expertise and support to help implement a successful project that leads to sustainable change.

Steps to Apply

- 1. Complete the Action for Healthy Kids <u>School Health Survey</u> to find out which type of *Game On* Grant your school is eligible for. Once you complete the survey, you will receive an email containing this information.
- 2. Register and participate in the 2020-2021 Game On Grant webinar. In this webinar, you'll learn about specific grant details, which states are eligible, and receive helpful tips for applying. This webinar will be archived for those unable to attend the live session.
 - <u>Webinar Title:</u> Apply for a 2020-2021 Game On Grant
 - Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020
 - <u>*Time:*</u> 3:00 PM (ET), 2:00 PM (CT), 1:00 PM (MT), 12:00 PM (PT)
 - <u>Register here:</u> <u>https://actionforhealthykids.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TYnEu2-</u> <u>iT9CUtKiwReVsWg</u>
- 3. Action for Healthy Kids recommends that schools complete the paper application, using the following grant application instructions and checklist, with their School Health Team in order to organize the proposal in a thoughtful manner, check spelling and ensure accurate character count. On average, the application takes less than 60 minutes to complete.
- Proceed to the online <u>School Portal</u> to submit your official application by copying and pasting your responses. Applications <u>must</u> be submitted online via AFHK's School Portal. Paper applications will not be accepted.
 - School Portal:
 - <u>https://afhkschoolportal.force.com/AFHK_Communities_Login</u>
 - School Portal Guide:
 - <u>https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/wp-</u> content/uploads/2019/06/Instructions-for-Completing-the-SHI.pdf

Deadline	Description
Thursday, February 20, 2020	Apply for a 2020-2021 Game On Grant webinar
Friday, April 3, 2020	Applications due
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	Award notifications
Friday, May 29, 2020	School Terms and Conditions due

Important Dates and Project Deliverables

Friday, September 25, 2020	Pre-School Health Index due
Friday, December 11, 2020	Midterm Report and 2 photos due
Friday, March 26, 2021	Every Kid Healthy Week Event Survey due
Friday, May 28, 2021	Final Report, post-School Health Index and 3 photos due

Game On Grant

What is Game On?

Game On is a no-cost online guide providing all the information and resources you need to host a successful wellness program in your school with the ultimate goal of implementing comprehensive health programming. Game On is flexible and adaptable to help you improve student health while also meeting your school's needs, wherever your school is in the process. For more information, visit https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/game-on-program/.

Game On aligns with the following components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model: health education, physical education & physical activity, community involvement, family engagement, and nutrition environment and services. The WSCC model is an evidenced-based model that focuses its attention on the child, emphasizes a school-wide approach and acknowledges learning, health and the school as being a part and reflection of the local community.

Game On Grants

Game On grants provide funding for schools to implement physical activity and nutrition initiatives. Applications for the \$1,000 nutrition grant level must include at least one nutrition initiative. PK-12 schools in all states are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant.

Active Schools

Funded schools will automatically be enrolled as an Active Schools Champion. Active Schools Champions receive monthly e-newsletters with information about physical education and physical activity grants as well as free resources, programs, services (e.g., webinars) and special events. Only Active Schools Champions and schools are eligible for some grants, and for others, they receive preference. Champions are the first to hear about special events like Take Your Parent to PE Week (last week of September) and other promotions, contests, and opportunities. Funded schools will have the opportunity to opt-out of this automatic enrollment.

Awarded schools will:

- Implement at least one nutrition initiative (see list below) to advance at least one of the following:
 - Student participation in nutrition education.
 - Providing access to healthy foods/beverages wherever food is served, sold, or shared on campus.

Nutrition Initiatives
Nutrition Education
School Gardens
Salad Bars
Smarter Lunchrooms
Healthy Fundraisers
Classroom Celebrations

•	Classroom Rewards
•	Healthy Food Taste Testing
•	Healthy Cooking Classes
•	Water Access
•	Healthy snacking (including school
	store, vending and a la carte)
•	Other

- Advance at least one of the following impacts as a result of your school's proposed nutrition programming:
 - Increase in student self-awareness
 - Increase in student self-management
 - Increase in student social awareness
 - Increase in student relationship skills
 - o Increase in student responsible decision making
- Provide information to students and parents on the importance of physical activity and nutrition.
- Complete AFHK's School Health Index at the beginning and end of the grant cycle.
- Submit midterm and final reports, with photographs, to show project updates and results.
- Join the celebration during *Every Kid Healthy Week* by hosting a family-friendly healthpromoting event during April 2021.

Schools with greater than 50% of students eligible for free/reduced priced meals and within the following states may receive priority: FL, TX, GA, NC, NY, WI, IL, IN, MN, MD, MI, OH, PA, CA, CO, AR, TN, AZ, KY, VA. All schools, however, are strongly encouraged to apply. Award decisions are based on building enrollment, project type, potential impact and a school's ability to mobilize parents and students around school wellness initiatives.

Application Checklist

The following checklist provides clarification on application questions. Using this list, check off each point to ensure you submit a complete application. Action for Healthy Kids recommends that schools complete the paper application first, but applications must be submitted online via the <u>School Portal</u> to be considered for funding.

\checkmark	Question	Applicant Contact Information
		*The primary grant contact for <i>all</i> grant requirements including the midterm and
		final report, as well as the School Health Index.
	1	Name
		Role - Select one from the given list.
		Phone Number
		Primary Email - We will use email for all communications. Please ensure
		there are no typos in your address.
		Alternative Email - We will use this email address if we are unable to
		reach you with your primary email address.

Section 1: Contact Information

		 Free and Reduced Percentage – If CEP, enter 100. Include a number only (omit the %).
\checkmark	Question	Provide the contact information for the following individuals.
		*By providing their names and emails, you are indicating their support for the
		project.
	2	Name of Principal/Administrator
		• Email
		Name of Physical Education Teacher
		• Email
		Name of School Building School Nutrition Manager
		• Email

Section 2: Project Details

✓	Question		on Initiative
	8	>	What is the nutrition project you are interested in implementing at your
	•	-	school? Please describe in detail. (2000 characters)
	9	\triangleleft	What is the nutrition strategy you expect to incorporate into your project
			through the year? Select one from the given list. If your initiative can not
			be classified within a strategy on the list, please select other and specify.
	10	\checkmark	What will be the impact(s) of your nutrition initiative? Select all that
			apply.
	11	\checkmark	How do you anticipate your proposed project will lead to the chosen
			nutrition impact(s)? (2000 characters)
	12	\succ	How many hours per year on average do students receive classroom
			instruction on nutrition education?
		\triangleright	Consult with school staff ensure you provide accurate information.
	13	\triangleright	How many grade levels utilize the school garden (through garden
			workdays, lessons in the garden, garden taste tests, etc.)? For example, if
			3 rd , 5 th , and 7 th participate in the school garden, that would be 3 grades.
			(select one)
			Consult with school staff to ensure you provide accurate information.
	18	\succ	During a typical school year, how many times does your school health
			team meet?
	19	\succ	Which of the following groups are represented on your school health
		~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	team? Select all that apply.
	20		Please select at least one of the following impacts as a result of your
		$\succ$	schools proposed nutrition programming.
			Please click <u>here</u> to learn more about SEL impacts through nutrition and physical activity.
	14	$\succ$	Please include any significant dates for a timeline of your project. (2000
	14		characters)
		≻	Action for Healthy Kids is looking for utilization of best practices that lead
			to the greatest impact on policy, systems, and environmental changes and
			thus, on student health and academic achievement. Include your tentative
			project timeline. Tell us what you hope to accomplish in each month of
			the grant term (August 2020 through June 2021).
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15	Once the grant term is over, describe how you will ensure that grant efforts and success will be sustained. (1000 characters)
16	Describe other funding your school has received (or applied for) to address nutrition or physical activity. (500 characters)

#### Section 3: Budget

✓	Question	Budget
	21	How will you use the \$1,000 if your project is accepted? Itemize the grant
		funds in the space provided. (2000 characters)
		Please itemize how you plan to use the grant funds to achieve the
		objective(s) of your physical activity and nutrition initiative. Be specific.
		Grant funds may not be used for staffing or administrative costs.
		Awarded schools will receive 70% of funds with the 1 st installment check in
		August 2020. The remaining 30% of funds will be awarded in January
		2021 (after the submission of the Midterm Report and pre-School Health
		Index).
		You must submit a proposed budget of \$1,000.

#### Section 4: Other Information

✓	Question	Other Information	
	22	How did you <u>first</u> hear about the School Grants for Healthy Kids grant	
		opportunity? Select one from the given list.	

Please proceed to the <u>Action for Healthy Kids School Portal</u> to submit your application online. Questions? Please contact your <u>State Coordinator</u> or email <u>contactus@ActionforHealthyKids.org</u>.