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VENICE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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To: Venice High School Teachers and Counselors,

From: The Committee on Excellence in Education

It's Classroom Grant time again!

We hope that your 2026 – 27 school year is off to a great start and we applaud all that you are doing to support Venice High School Students and their families! Last year 32 grants were awarded to teachers. Once again, we are able to offer grants for the 2026– 27 school year because of the success of the Eva and Gil Clark grants of the past and donations of the present. As you consider writing your grant requests, remember to focus on materials or activities that will promote academic achievement for all students.

As we did last year, we will not be awarding grants to groups of teachers, but we are still encouraging collaboration. Please indicate such collaboration in your project description. To support as many educators as possible, we will also be limiting the number of grants to **one** per teacher. We will provide grants of up to \$500 to individuals. **We encourage new teachers to apply.**

It's easy:

- The online grant application process includes submitting a written description of your project/needs. You must explain how the project will benefit student academic success and **include an itemized list with prices of how your money will be spent** (supplies, equipment, multimedia tools, training for online instruction, etc.). ***If you do not give specific details about your purchases, your grant will not be awarded.*** Apply online by going to http://www.venicehighalumni.com/excellence_edu.htm. The deadline is **Friday, October 30, 2026**.
- The ideas judged most supportive of student achievement and classroom learning will receive grants.
- **Priority will be given to first time grant writers** - if you are a first-time grant writer, at the top of your application write “I am a first-time applicant”.
- Grant recipients will be required to submit a financial summary of their project/needs, including digital copies of receipts documenting their expenditures no later than April 2027. Recipients who do not provide the committee with the receipts will not be considered for future grants. **If you received a grant last year and did not submit receipts, you must do so prior to applying this year.**
- **Conference attendance will not be funded.**
- Awardees will be selected in November and announced at a faculty meeting.

We, the Excellence in Education Committee, look forward to receiving your grant request.

Sincerely,

The Committee on Excellence in Education:

Jan Davis, Nikki Gilbert, Gloria Gonzales, Sheri Nagata, and Bonnie Roche-Blair