

The logo for the LIGHT awards program features the word "LIGHT" in large, bold, white letters with a dark grey, hand-drawn shadow effect. The letter "I" is replaced by a stylized sun with a yellow center and black rays. The letter "A" is replaced by a blue, hand-drawn arrow pointing upwards. Below "LIGHT", the words "awards program" are written in a blue, cursive, hand-drawn font.

LIGHT
awards program

Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation
October 20, 2014

WEBINAR INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Call in number: (914) 339-0029
- ❖ Access Code: 227-454-343
- ❖ Questions can be submitted throughout the webinar via the **questions panel** and will be answered during a Q&A period at the end of the presentation

AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Instructions
- II. LIGHT Awards Program
- III. Grant Application/Award Process
- IV. Q&A



INTREPID PHILANTHROPY FOUNDATION

Mission Statement: The Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation (IPF) is a private family foundation that seeks to improve the U.S. educational system in order to provide opportunities for all students, particularly the poor and disadvantaged, to be productive members of their communities.

IPF's geographic focus is mainly but not exclusively California. Its mission is to support and promote programs that work to close the achievement gap by honoring and supporting teachers, enhancing the environment in which they work and enriching the physical, cultural, academic and social well-being of students.



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Key RPA Staff for IPF:

- Joanne Greenstein, Senior Philanthropic Advisor
- Laura Delman Beaudrow, Associate



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: History & Inspiration



I would travel to a leading source of
innovative literacy instruction
to enhance our teaching and
improve student engagement.



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Overview

- ❖ LIGHT supports teachers by:
 - Making grants to teams of teachers
 - Empowering them to identify and participate in professional development opportunities of their choice
 - Connecting them to a network of other motivated educators
- ❖ LIGHT makes grants of up to \$30,000 over two years



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Requirements

- ✓ Participation in an **annual gathering** of awardees
- ✓ Production of a **shareable final product** at the end of the project
- ✓ Submission of **annual narrative and financial reporting** on project progress, learnings, challenges and expenditures
- ✓ Participation in an **alumni network**
- ✓ Hosting an annual **site visit** of IPF Board Members



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Criteria & Eligibility

LIGHT supports teacher participation in experiences that fulfill one or more of the following criteria:

- ✓ Renew educators' passion for and commitment to teaching
- ✓ Demonstrate relevance for teachers, schools and/or beyond
- ✓ Have the potential to have school-wide, district-wide and/or system-wide impact
- ✓ Enhance teacher leadership skills



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Criteria & Eligibility

Projects that are **ineligible for funding** include:

- ✘ One-time events
- ✘ Travel outside of the U.S.
- ✘ Grants to solely purchase technology equipment and/or classroom supplies



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Criteria & Eligibility

- ✓ **Team Size:** 3-6 teachers (including one designated Team Leader)
- ✓ **Type of School(s):** traditional public or charter schools
- ✓ **Counties:** Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
- ✓ **Team Member Experience:** minimum of two years of full-time, classroom teaching experience
- ✓ **Endorsement:** project has support from the principal from each participating school



GRANT RECIPIENT ENTITY

The LIGHT Awards makes grants to tax-exempt entities, including:

- Schools
- School districts
- School foundation
- School-related nonprofits



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Developing a Project

Brainstorming Questions

- What have I always wanted to learn about and pursue, but never had the funding to do so?
- What is a project that would empower teachers to meet students' needs?
- What project would interest many of my colleagues? What do my colleagues on the team want to learn most?
- What project can my school district and principal support?
- If I could learn something to enhance my teaching career, what would it be?



LIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM: Developing a Project

Project Examples

- Project Based Learning (PBL) at the Buck Institute: Send a team of teachers to summer workshops at the Buck Institute for Education who will then develop best practices, lessons and activities related to PBL to bring back to their school site and implement throughout the school year.
- Train Teachers in Social and Emotional Learning: Bring in a consultant from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to train team members in how to utilize the RULER (Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing and Regulating emotions) system in their school.

See additional examples at <http://lightawards.org/ideas/> and <http://lightawards.org/funded/>



Q&A

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ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Via the Apply Now button on the website, **Team registers an account with the LIGHT Awards grant management system (Foundant)**
2. **Team completes and submits Letter of Intent (LOI)**
3. LIGHT Awards staff reviews LOI to ensure team and project idea meet the established criteria
4. Team's LOI is approved and the Team is given access to the Application
5. **Team completes and submits Application**
6. LIGHT Awards staff reviews Application, submits any questions or comments to Team
7. Team submits responses or updates Application if requested



ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

The screenshot shows the LIGHT Awards Program website. At the top left is the logo with the text "LIGHT awards program". To the right is a navigation menu: HOME, WHO WE ARE - WHAT WE FUND - HOW TO APPLY - NEWS CONTACT US. Below the logo is the heading "WHAT WOULD YOU LEARN...?" followed by the sub-heading "if you could design your own professional development program". A central image shows a man with glasses looking through a telescope. To the right of the image is a quote: "I would build a library of best teaching practices to enhance teacher-led professional development". Below this is a section titled "WE HONOR AND INSPIRE GREAT TEACHERS – like you – by funding the professional development experience of your dreams, SO YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE at your school and beyond." Below this text is a paragraph: "You and your cohort – a group of teachers – are invited to apply for LIGHT Award funds. Our grants (of up to \$30,000 over 2 years) can be used to support your growth as". To the right of this section is a box titled "INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR" with the text: "Learn about the LIGHT Awards program and get application tips in this free, informational webinar on October 20 at 4pm PDT:". Below this text is a yellow button that says "REGISTER NOW". An orange arrow points from the text on the right towards this button.

“Apply Online”
button on
LIGHT Awards
website will
replace
“Register Now”
following
October 20th
Webinar



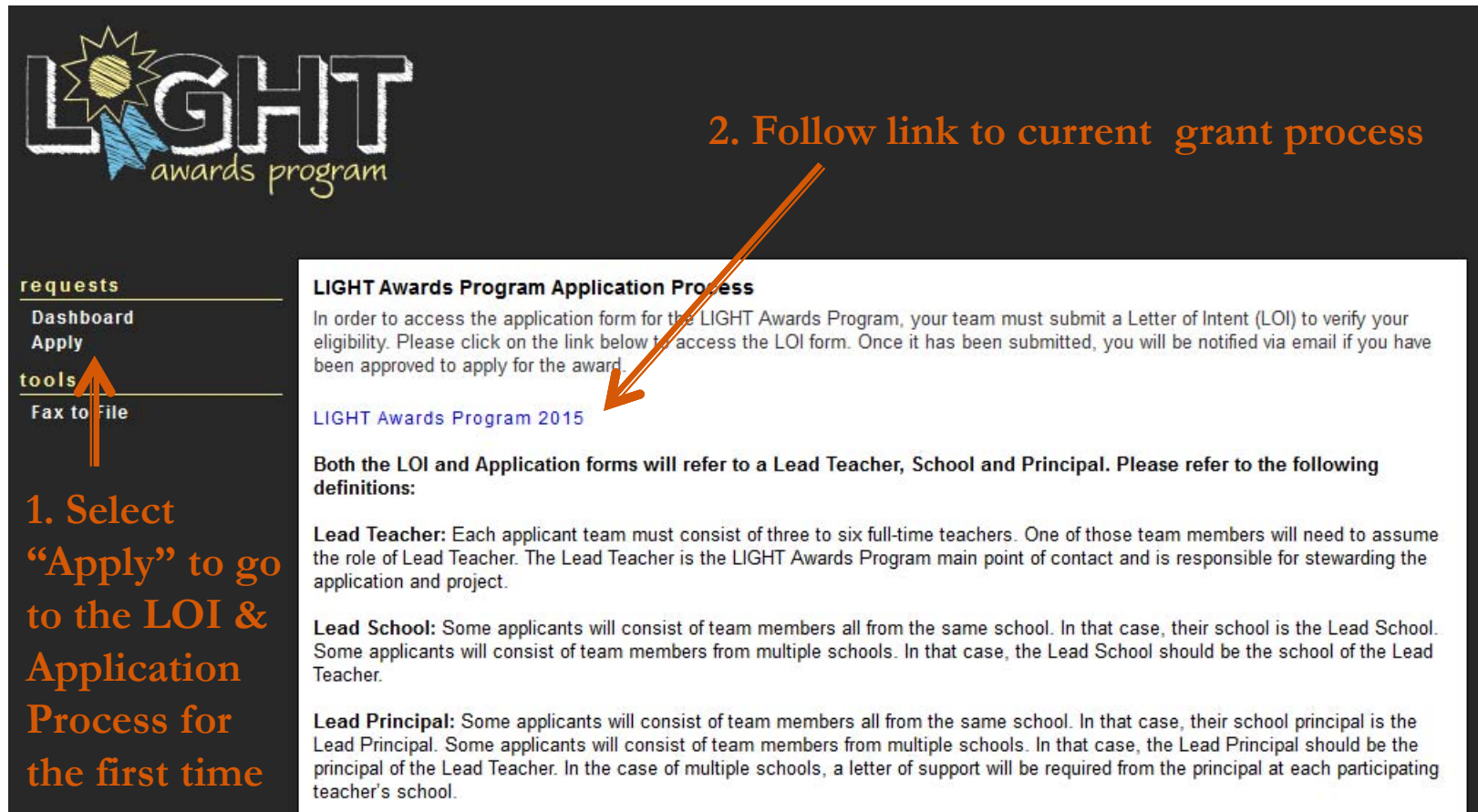
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

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[Forgot your Password?](#)
Log On or Create New Account

Create an account
using Team
Leader's profile
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ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS



The screenshot shows the LIGHT Awards Program website. On the left, there is a navigation menu with sections for 'requests' and 'tools'. Under 'requests', there are links for 'Dashboard' and 'Apply'. Under 'tools', there is a link for 'Fax to File'. An orange arrow points from the 'Apply' link to the text '1. Select "Apply" to go to the LOI & Application Process for the first time'. In the main content area, there is a heading 'LIGHT Awards Program Application Process' followed by a paragraph explaining the LOI requirement. Below this is a link for 'LIGHT Awards Program 2015'. An orange arrow points from this link to the text '2. Follow link to current grant process'. Below the link, there are definitions for 'Lead Teacher', 'Lead School', and 'Lead Principal'.

requests

- Dashboard
- Apply

tools

- Fax to File

1. Select "Apply" to go to the LOI & Application Process for the first time

LIGHT Awards Program Application Process

In order to access the application form for the LIGHT Awards Program, your team must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to verify your eligibility. Please click on the link below to access the LOI form. Once it has been submitted, you will be notified via email if you have been approved to apply for the award.

[LIGHT Awards Program 2015](#)

Both the LOI and Application forms will refer to a Lead Teacher, School and Principal. Please refer to the following definitions:

Lead Teacher: Each applicant team must consist of three to six full-time teachers. One of those team members will need to assume the role of Lead Teacher. The Lead Teacher is the LIGHT Awards Program main point of contact and is responsible for stewarding the application and project.

Lead School: Some applicants will consist of team members all from the same school. In that case, their school is the Lead School. Some applicants will consist of team members from multiple schools. In that case, the Lead School should be the school of the Lead Teacher.

Lead Principal: Some applicants will consist of team members all from the same school. In that case, their school principal is the Lead Principal. Some applicants will consist of team members from multiple schools. In that case, the Lead Principal should be the principal of the Lead Teacher. In the case of multiple schools, a letter of support will be required from the principal at each participating teacher's school.

2. Follow link to current grant process



ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

Select “Dashboard” to view Application Status

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Application Status Page
View the status of your applications below.

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Rockefeller Middle Project Based Learning

Process: LIGHT Awards Program 2015

LOI	Submitted	09/29/2014	View LOI
Application	Assigned	09/29/2014	Edit Application

Link to Application will appear here if your
LOI has been Approved

**Team Leader will be notified via email once this occurs*

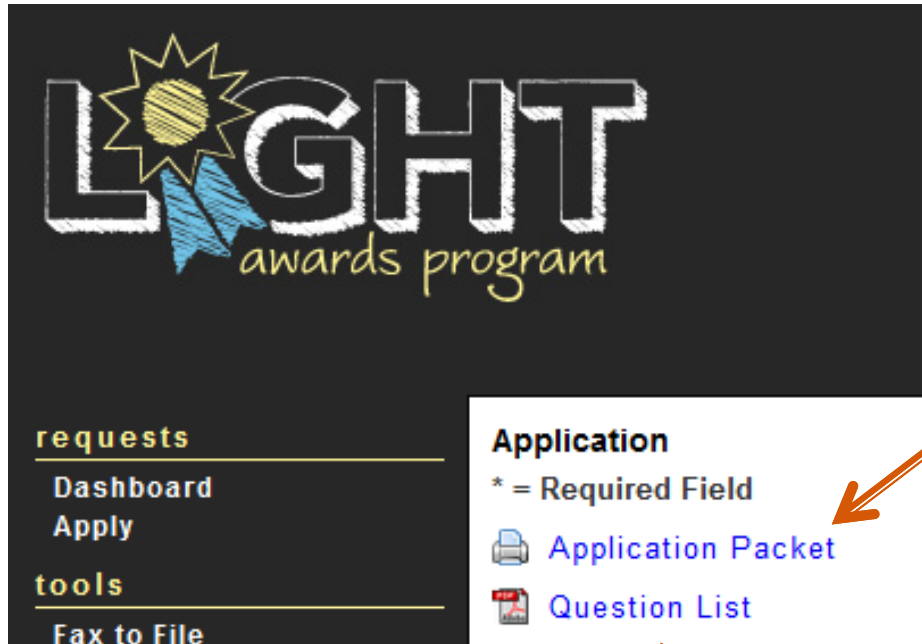


ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

A completed Application will include the following:

- ✓ Full applicant profile information (includes Team Leader, Lead School, Lead Principal, Grant Recipient Entity, and Additional Team Member information)
- ✓ Narrative
- ✓ Proposed timeline
- ✓ Proposed budget (and budget narrative, if necessary)
- ✓ Signed Principal Letter of Support
- ✓ Signatures from all Team Members

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS



Download and print your work and any attachments saved

Download and print Application questions only

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

Although the system automatically saves your work approximately every 20 minutes, **we highly recommend manually saving your work** whenever you feel you have completed a significant portion of the LOI or Application!

Grant Management Software
provided by FOUNDANT technologies

“SAVE” button found at the bottom of each form

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SELECTION PROCESS

- ❖ The LIGHT Awards is a competitive grants program
- ❖ Completed applications will be reviewed by the Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation Board, Advisory Board and education experts
- ❖ The LIGHT Awards highly values **innovation, collaboration** and **measurable impact**, and will rate applications based on these factors



TIMELINE

October 20, 2014	Webinar/grant cycle open for broader participation
November 10, 2014	letter-of-intent (LOI) deadline
January 6, 2015	application deadline
March 2015	award notifications/first grant payment
August 2015	second annual convening of LIGHT awardees for info sharing and networking
January 2016	second grant payment



“Dream Big”

See video at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=InIDfU3eTe0

Q&A

Additional information can be found at:

www.lightwards.org

