



Illumination Fund

projectheart

Now that your teacher or program leader has taught you Project Heart concepts, it's time for you to bring your project to life by requesting money through the Illumination Fund.

- Use this document to draft your answers. Once you answer all questions completely, be sure to seek out at least two more people to help you revise your ideas and proofread for errors. The Illumination Fund is highly competitive, so the quality of your work is important.
- When your teacher or program leader has the application sent to you, then you can just copy/paste from this template into the application.
- The application requires one specific name and email address. If you are working in a small group on this Impact Project, you should first choose a "grant writer" who will be responsible for receiving the application link and ensuring it gets submitted. This is a similar structure to many nonprofits that have a specific grant writer on staff, even though they have many employees.
- Be sure to use the 'Tools' menu to find the 'Word count' feature for each of your answers that have a character limit.

Student Information

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Student Grade

Project Details

What is the name of the organization or school that the Impact Project will benefit? This can be your school if you are doing a project to benefit your school, otherwise this should be a registered nonprofit.

Project Name

Please provide a 1-2 sentence summary of your Impact Project. (max 512 characters and spaces)

Why is this Impact Project important to you? (max 1000 characters and spaces)

If your project will benefit a nonprofit organization, explain what you have learned about the organization. If your project will benefit your school, explain why your school needs this service project. (max 1500 characters and spaces)

What need(s) will your project serve or fill? Who will you be making a difference for? (max 1000 characters and spaces)

What type of support are you requesting from OtterCares? (choose one)

- A matching grant for a fundraiser or collection drive A materials grant for a service project

What are your specific and measurable goals for this Impact Project (aka SMART goals)? (max 2000 characters and spaces)

Provide a detailed plan for your Impact Project. Be sure to include your timeline, specific tasks you will complete, how you will get others to support your project, and any other important details. (max 2000 characters and spaces)

How will you use a grant from OtterCares? For a materials grant, provide a list of items and costs. For a collection drive, propose a value for the items you collect (ex: 1 can of food = \$1). For a monetary fundraiser, write "match total dollars raised." (max 1500 characters and spaces)