

2025 Bright & Early DuPage Grant

DuPage Foundation

Collaboration Name*

What is the name of your collaboration?

Character Limit: 100

Request Category*

Choices

New Collaboration Development

Existing Local Early Childhood Collaboration

Grant Amount Requested*

Please specify the total amount of your request (Maximum \$50,000).

Character Limit: 20

Leadership*

Who is leading the development of the collaboration? Include name, organization, and title.

Character Limit: 250

Geographic Boundaries*

What are the geographic boundaries of your collaboration?

Character Limit: 500

New Collaboration Development

Partners*

During the first year, a collaboration will be expected to partner with its local school district(s), at least three or more community organizations, childcare providers, and engage with local families who represent the population it is serving.

1. Provide a brief description of your partnership with the local school district(s).
2. What existing partners are currently engaged and actively involved in the collaboration?

Character Limit: 2000

Potential Partners*

What other partners do you hope to engage during the first year and how will you involve them?

Character Limit: 2000

Bright & Early DuPage Goals

1. Operate effectively as a collaboration by engaging with community partners, school district(s) and early childhood education providers on a regular basis.
2. Empower families/caregivers with increased child development knowledge, provide educational activities/opportunities to help families navigate the early childhood systems, and provide specific resources and educational events focused on families and children who have risk factors such as economic, language, disability or additional needs.
3. Conduct outreach focused on increasing the number of young children within their region to receive developmental screenings and track the number of children referred for appropriate early intervention services.
4. Promote quality early childhood education and work towards full enrollment of all available program seats, (center-based and home-based) in your community.

Collaboration Goals*

How will your collaboration start to work towards the four goals listed above and outlined in the Work Plan and Impact Metrics?

Character Limit: 2000

Collaboration Metrics*

How will your collaboration work towards measuring the impact of your proposed activities based on the Impact Metrics?

Character Limit: 2000

Fund Allocation*

Provide specific details as to how the requested funds will be allocated to accomplish your goals in this first year.

Character Limit: 2000

Timeline*

Provide a timeline for how you plan to accomplish these goals during the grant period (August 2025 - June 2026).

Character Limit: 2500

Existing Local Early Childhood Collaboration

School District Partnership*

Provide a brief description of your partnership with the local school district(s).

Character Limit: 1000

Existing Partners*

What other partners are currently engaged and will be actively involved in the collaboration during this year?

Character Limit: 1000

Potential Partners*

Are there other potential partners you hope to engage with during this year and how will you involve them?

Character Limit: 1000

Using the Bright & Early DuPage Work Plan and Impact Metrics, develop or expand activities/events for your collaboration and briefly describe each one.

Goal 1 - Activities/Events*

Operate effectively as a collaboration by engaging with community partners, school district(s) and early childhood education providers on a regular basis.

What activities/events will your collaboration pursue this year to help achieve this goal?

Character Limit: 2000

Goal 1 - Metrics*

Using the required Bright & Early Impact Metrics, how will you measure the impact of your proposed activities/events?

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Goal 2 - Activities/Events*

Empower families/caregivers with increased child development knowledge, provide educational activities/opportunities to help families navigate the early childhood systems, and provide specific resources and educational events focused on families and children who have risk factors such as economic, language, disability or additional needs.

What activities/events will your collaboration pursue this year to help achieve this goal?

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Goal 2 - Metrics*

Using the required Bright & Early Impact Metrics, how will you measure the impact of your proposed activities/events?

Character Limit: 2000

Goal 3 - Activities/Events*

Conduct outreach focused on increasing the number of young children within your region to receive developmental screenings and track the number of children referred for appropriate early intervention services.

What activities/events will your collaboration pursue this year to help achieve this goal?

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Goal 3 - Metrics*

Using the required Bright & Early Impact Metrics, how will you measure the impact of your proposed activities/events?

Character Limit: 2000

Goal 4 - Activities/Events*

Promote quality early childhood education and work toward full enrollment of all available program seats (center-based and home-based) in your community.

What activities/events will your collaboration pursue this year to help achieve this goal?

Character Limit: 2000

Goal 4 - Metrics*

Using the required Bright & Early Impact Metrics, how will you measure the impact of your proposed activities/events?

Character Limit: 2000

Attachments

Collaborative Budget*

Download and complete the [Collaboration Budget](#) (including additional revenue sources)

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Attachment (Optional)

If there is information related to your request that you feel is important for the Foundation to know but that you were not able to present in this application, you may describe or upload it [here](#)

Character Limit: 2500 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Electronic Signature

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Prior to the release of any grant monies, a grant recipient will be required to sign a grant agreement to use funds for the sole purpose stated in the application form. Failure to comply with the terms of the grant agreement will jeopardize any future grants from the DuPage Foundation.

Enter your full name, business title and the date of submission. (e.g.: Erin Smith, Board President, July 15, 2025)

Character Limit: 250

By entering your information above and clicking "I agree" below, you are certifying that:

1. the information contained in this application is true and correct.
2. the proposed program/project has been adopted by your organization as a part of its plan of work.
3. you are duly authorized to submit this application, or you have uploaded a signature page of someone who is duly authorized to submit this application on behalf of your organization.

Your completion of this section constitutes an electronic signature.*

Choices

I agree

I do not agree