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### RFE COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPLICATION

**Applicant's name:** Sara Marchione

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**Applicant's position:** Classroom teacher (AIM Academy)  
(Repeat this info for all co-applicants)

**Grant Title:** AIM Academy Yearbook 2025/2026

**What is the total budget for your proposal?**

Approx. \$1,500 (this total reflects the cost of custom hardcovers for the yearbook. A grant of \$1,000 would be sufficient to cover the cost of paperback copies.)

**Grade(s) affected by the grant:** Grades 9-12

**School(s) affected by the grant:** AIM Academy @ Randolph High School

**Total number of students to be directly affected by this grant:** 40-45 students

Please provide a **brief (one paragraph) summary** of your proposal. You will have an opportunity to provide further details below:

AIM Academy is excited to launch its first-ever school yearbook, facilitated by Sara Marchione and created by AIM students. This project will provide students with meaningful opportunities to lead the creative process through capturing photos, writing stories, designing layouts, and managing production while building collaboration, leadership, and technical skills. The finished yearbook will serve as a lasting record of student voices and achievements, celebrating the unique spirit and culture of AIM Academy and leaving a legacy for years to come.

**Describe your project in detail.** What are you planning to do? How will you do it? Who will benefit from the project? Why is this project important to the education of your students? What do you hope to accomplish? How will you know if this project is a success?

AIM Academy is planning to create its first-ever school yearbook, facilitated by staff member Sara Marchione and led by student involvement at every stage of the process. Students will form a yearbook committee and take on roles in photography, writing, design, and editing, with Sara providing guidance, structure, and technical support. We will use accessible digital tools for layout and design, provide training in photography and storytelling, and dedicate time within advisory and enrichment blocks for students to collaborate.

This project directly benefits AIM Academy students by giving them opportunities to develop real-world skills such as teamwork, project management, creativity, and communication. Overall, it will also strengthen their sense of belonging and pride in their school community. The yearbook is particularly meaningful in an alternative high school setting, where many students have not previously seen themselves represented in such a way. By documenting their experiences and celebrating their achievements, the yearbook will build positive school culture and lasting memories for students and families.

We hope to accomplish two goals: first, to produce a high-quality yearbook that authentically reflects the voices and experiences of AIM Academy students; and second, to equip students with transferable skills they can carry into future academic, career, and personal endeavors. We will know this project is a success if students are actively engaged in the creation process, demonstrate growth in leadership and technical skills, and express pride in both the finished yearbook and their contributions to it. Feedback from students, families, and staff will serve as indicators of success, along with the sustainability of a yearbook tradition in future years.

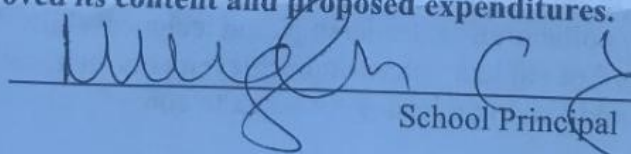
**What is the proposed start date?**

The first yearbook committee meeting was held on Friday, September 5th 2025.

**Specifically list all materials and equipment requested along with the itemized cost, and the source of quote:**

- 60 case binded (hardcover) copies (8.5x11)
- 32 pages total (in color)
- Total Quoted price: \$1,568.85
  - Shipping quote: \$84.85
  - Price per book: \$24.07
  - Additional customization (proof copy \$40)
  - <https://www.48hrbooks.com/book-printing/pricing-calculator#/order-review> (BBB accredited website)

***I verify that a copy of this application has been submitted to the applicable school principal who has approved its content and proposed expenditures.***

  
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School Principal