



Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Grants Grant Application Readers Needed July 27, 2021

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) is proud to partner with the Georgia Department of Education to administer \$85 million for afterschool and summer learning in Georgia. Funding for the Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grants program has been made available through the American Rescue Plan that was signed into law by President Biden in March of 2021.

The BOOST grants program will offer three-year grants, renewed annually, to community-based organizations that operate comprehensive out-of-school time (OST) programming year-round, over the summer months, or after school during the academic year. The goal is to provide evidence-based afterschool and summer enrichment programming that support students in learning skills and concepts and provide whole child supports, thus removing non-academic barriers to learning for students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants will support students' learning, connectedness and well-being, utilizing a whole child approach.

GSAN is currently looking for grant application readers to help evaluate grant applications for comprehensive afterschool programs and summer enrichment programs. Each reader would be assigned 10-15 applications (5-10 pages each) to read, evaluate and score using an on-line rubric over the course of one week. A one-hour training will be recorded to provide readers with training to discuss the program requirements, and additional reader questions will be answered via email. This process will be conducted entirely online as the grant proposals are being submitted electronically, so no travel is involved.

Any community member who is at least 18 years old can apply to review grant applications. GSAN is looking for a diverse group of readers and is focused on recruiting strong representation of individuals with experience or connection to youth development. Grant application readers are expected to read/score no more than 15 grant applications.

Grant application readers must agree to:

- Maintain confidentiality by not disclosing information about any of the grant applications
- Fully disclose any conflicts of interest that would prevent you from reading and scoring an application
- Read and score grant applications in the designated timeframe
- Respond in a timely manner to GSAN communications
- Review the training resources provided (Readers Workshop and reading materials)

To be eligible, you must agree to abide by [GSAN's Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statement](#). This is a great opportunity to strengthen your own grant writing skills while also providing an important community service.

Readers will be provided a stipend of at least \$300 if all the assigned applications are scored using the on-line form by the September 6, 8 p.m. deadline, one week after the applications will be emailed out.

If you are interested in being considered as a possible grant reader, please complete the [BOOST Readers Application](#) no later than Monday, August 16. Individuals who submit the Readers Application will be contacted by email by Wednesday, August 25. Questions? Please contact GSAN staff at BOOST@georgiavoices.org.

You can find details about the BOOST Grants Program on [GSAN's website](#).