

COMMON REASONS WHY CFE GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOT FUNDED

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THE BUDGET

- Budget details are not included—you do not need every detail, but enough to show you have given it thought and considered the scope of the project.
- Budget exceeds grant amount.
- Inaccurate budget calculations.
- Review committees are usually reluctant to fund equipment like digital cameras, LCD projectors, etc. that are typically available on loan from a school. If you request any of these items, make sure you clearly state why they are essential.

PROJECT/INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY DESCRIPTION

- Rushed presentation:
 - Words crossed out
 - Spelling errors
 - Grammatical errors
 - Sketchy or insufficient information
 - Lacks a polished, neat look
- The quality of the writing or inappropriate use of technical terminology gives us reason to suspect that the teacher lacks sufficient expertise to carry out the activities.

PROJECT/INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY OBJECTIVE

- Too ambitious for the activities listed.
- Too ambitious for the time-line.
- Too vague.
- Does not specify what need(s) will be addressed.
- Does not indicate what will be learned and how it will be evaluated.

ACTIVITIES

- Activities come from a purchased kit or packaged program with no innovative ideas planned for their use.
- Insufficient originality/creativity.
- Proposal is a repetition of many previously submitted proposals.
- Insufficient student participation: The activities feature entertaining passive experiences rather than stimulating active ones.