



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

July 30, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Gifted Student Grant Program ACT 2025-270

According to Act No. 2025-270, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) will offer grants to local education agencies (LEAs) for the purpose of developing new advanced educational and specialized programs for gifted children. For the 2025-2026 school year, \$1.675 million will be awarded to LEAs through a competitive grant process.

The ALSDE will award available grants to public schools for the purpose of initiating new programs or continuing existing programs to offer advanced and specialized educational services to gifted children. The maximum award for an applicant is \$30,000. The appropriate LEA must match up to five percent (5%) of any grant funds awarded by the ALSDE under this act.

To access the applications for the Gifted Student Grant Program, click on this link: [2025-2026 Grants for Gifted Education](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ashley Strickland at 334-694-4782.

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