**The Footsteps2Brilliance®
Texas Early Learning Literacy Equity Service Grant
Qualification Form**

The Footsteps2Brilliance Early Learning Literacy Equity Service Grant provides a game-changing social justice and collective impact approach to eliminating illiteracy in communities that want and need to support their 0 to 5-year-old and pre-k through third grade students. The grant provides high-quality bilingual educational resources to the district/community and the GPS (Greatest Parent Strategy) for parental engagement through our Model Innovation City Program. ([*Click here for a video overview*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M2vA35KqXk.))

This limited grant partnership is made available to qualified, transformative, innovative, disruptive and inclusive superintendents, literacy advocates, and community leaders. ***We are seeking 12-20 superintendent/community partnerships to form Innovation Zone Cohort I by October 1, 2017.***

Footsteps2Brilliance Early Learning Literacy Service Grants are offered directly by Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., and are delivered in the form of in-kind services and benefits. Qualifying districts partner with Footsteps2Brilliance to serve all their students from birth to 3rd grade in their district and community. (Click here for a video highlighting a successful partnership in Santa Clara, California: <https://youtu.be/yZFNic079Qc>)

The Footsteps2Brilliance Early Learning Literacy Equity Service Grant includes the following in-kind services, which dramatically reduces your expenditures for ensuring all students are kindergarten ready and reading on grade level by the end of third grade.

1. Access to our award winning Bilingual literacy solution to all non-enrolled students from birth to 3rd grade at NO COST to the school district or the community.
2. An additional two years of the F2B software at NO COST to the district for all pre-k through 3rd grade ENROLLED students.

Based on the overwhelming research demonstrating that children who experience an unequal start to life and school are likely to have long-term challenges, this grant is designed to support all children—birth through third grade—toward academic and life success, with a special emphasis on Latino, Black, and underserved children and communities. (Click here for a video highlighting the importance of early intervention: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM" \t "_blank).)

The following criteria is designed to evaluate the readiness of your organization for this game-changing opportunity. Please complete the questionnaire and submit it to tx.grants@footsteps2brilliance.com at within five business days. Pay close attention to the dates for the overview and informational meetings. Award opportunities are limited and may be discontinued at any time.

## Next Steps:

1. Complete all questions in the following questionnaire and provide details to differentiate your approach or need.
2. Save and email your form to tx.grants@footsteps2brilliance.com.
3. Grant Committee Review
4. Information meeting with Superintendent, Cabinet and a representative group of principals, teachers, parents and city officials.
5. Financial conference with Superintendent or designee, CFO, Tara Clawson of Government Capital and Dr. Lewis via phone or zoom.
6. Final Approval

## General Information

1. **Name of organization applying for grant:**

1. **Name and titles of educational and community leaders who will lead your early literacy and learning initiative:**

1. **Main contact name, title, and organization**

1. **Main contact phone numbers, (cell and direct):**

1. **Main contact email address:**

1. **Main contact physical address:**

1. **Has your team met with a Footsteps2Brilliance representative?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No, and we would like to schedule a time to meet

[ ]  No, but we have a time scheduled to meet

## Grant Impact

1. **Briefly explain your interest in applying for up to $5,000,000 in Literacy Equity Service Grants.**

1. **Briefly describe any related initiatives currently underway in your district, community, county, or organization.**

1. **How many children ages 0 to 5 do you directly serve?**

1. **At how many sites do you serve children age 0 to 5?**

1. **How many students do you serve in PreK through 3rd grade?**

1. **At how many sites do you serve PreK-3 students?**

1. **Briefly describe how you are engaging the families of the children you serve**

1. **Which literacy programs do your PreK-3 students and classrooms currently use?**

1. **What challenges are you seeking to address in kindergarten readiness and/or 3rd grade reading proficiency?**

## Grant Readiness

1. **List strategic partnerships currently in place with local government and other agencies and community-based organizations that you will be able to leverage for this initiative.**

1. **How do you see Footsteps2Brilliance supporting your community outreach as a pre-emptive approach to combatting illiteracy before children start school?**

1. **What branding or image of your community and schools are you seeking to change, enhance, or improve?**

1. **Are you willing to share generic data about the results of this program to be included in our longitudinal study with fellow superintendents and The White House?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

1. **Are you willing to be a part of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence of Hispanics?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

1. **Please share any other comments, current initiatives, areas of interest, or information that you believe will be helpful to our grant evaluation team in determining your qualification for this grant.**

**Meeting Dates**

1. **Please share dates for the following meetings”**
2. **Superintendent and Cabinet overview meeting**
3. **Representative group of principals, teachers, parents and city officials**.
4. **Phone Conference for CFO, superintendent or designee and Footsteps2Brilliance Financial team.**

**(These meetings can all be scheduled on the same day)**