



## Ohio Alternative Education Challenge Grant Program

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**Summary:** Keeps students in school by providing alternative programs for those who are at risk of school failure by keeping them in school

### Description:

The Ohio Alternative Education Challenge Grant is a continuation grant. No new applications will be accepted. It is designed for students who are at risk of school failure and other related problems. For most students, an alternative education program is the only alternative to suspension or expulsion from school.

The program keeps students in school, off the streets and under supervision during school hours and has increased the probability that they will graduate from high school and be employed.

The effectiveness of the Challenge Grant Program also is corroborated by educational professionals, such as teachers and guidance counselors, who make referrals to funded programs from feeder schools. Since its inception in 2000, more than 200,000 students have been served by this program.

The Ohio Department of Education provides leadership and oversight of the Challenge Grant program. <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=661&ContentID=22787&Content=73294>

### Requirements:

The Ohio Alternative Education Challenge Grant is funded by state general revenue funds with a minimum match of 40 percent local funds. Programs are required to reapply yearly, submit a fall protocol and a mid-year evaluation. They also must participate in professional development opportunities throughout the year. Grantees should refer to the notification letter for current due dates and submit information.

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