

Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Tips for a Successful Application

1. You have done your homework.

You read all the McAuliffe application materials. You asked questions of past winners. You contacted Charitable Foundation staff for a consultation about your ideas. Your project proposal was critically read by another individual.

2. The objectives of your project are relevant.

You have related the goals and objectives of your project to a current educational issue. The project has the potential to solve a problem or change a condition.

3. Your project proposal is well written.

It is clear, free of jargon and emphasizes outcomes.

4. Your letters of recommendation are persuasive.

Letters indicate support from the school's administration as well as other key support for your project.

5. Your capabilities are clearly described.

It is apparent that you will excel at your project.

6. Your project matches the resources.

Your project can realistically be carried out within the time schedule and with the budget you propose.

7. Your project will have concrete and lasting results.

Your proposal includes a plan to evaluate the successes and failures of the project and includes measurable outcomes. The impact of your project will live on after the Sabbatical has ended. There is a clear, realistic plan for disseminating results.