



## **2026-27 SONJ UCS FUNDING APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

You may use this document to prepare, but applications will only be accepted via the online form. Please submit a separate application for each school. Self-funded schools – please indicate your self-funded status where requested to be offered an abridged application.

### **SECTION 1: APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- Name of person completing application
- I am completing this application with the knowledge and approval of relevant administrators within my school and/or district.
- Application Password

### **SECTION 2: SCHOOL INFORMATION**

- School Name
- School District
- School Mailing Address
- School Zip Code
- School County
- Grades at Your School
- How many students are enrolled in your school?
- School NCES Number
- How many years has your school received UCS funding?

### **SECTION 3: SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Principal Name
- Principal Email
- Superintendent Name
- Superintendent Email
- Business Administrator Name
- Business Administrator Email

### **SECTION 4: UCS SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- Primary School Liaison Name
- Primary School Liaison Email
- Primary School Liaison's Role Within School
- School Co-Liaison Name
- School Co-Liaison Email
- School Co-Liaison's Role Within School
- School Administrator Name

- School Administrator Email
- School Administrator Role Within School
- If there are individuals on your UCS school leadership team that are not listed above, please provide their name(s), email address(es), and role(s) within the school.

### **SECTION 5: THREE COMPONENTS OF UCS**

- Acknowledge: In order to receive financial support from SONJ, my school commits to satisfactorily implement the three components of UCS.
- Does your Unified Sports Team and/or Unified Club have their own social media account(s)? If so, please share your platform(s) and handle(s).
- How will your school promote your Unified activities, events, and opportunities to your students, faculty, and community members? Select all that apply.
  - Unified Sports listed on school website
  - Unified Club listed on school website
  - Social media posts about Unified Sports
  - Social media posts about Unified Club
  - Morning announcements will mention Unified
  - Unified will be mentioned in the school newspaper
  - Unified will be included in school yearbook
  - Unified will be recognized at school rallies
  - Unified will be included in emails to parents/guardians/etc.
  - Bulletin Boards
  - Newsletters
  - Other

### **SECTION 6: UNIFIED SPORTS**

- What Unified Sports opportunities will your students be involved in? Select all that apply.
  - Interscholastic sports team(s) – playing against other schools
  - Intramural sports team(s) – playing recreationally with no competitions
  - Unified PE – offered for at least 1 grading period
  - Field Day or Game Day
  - eSports
  - Fitness activities or demonstrations
  - Unified Recess (Elementary School only)
  - Young Athletes (Grades K-2 only)
  - Developmental sports (grades 3-6)
- If offering interscholastic sports (competing against other schools), what Unified Sport(s) does your school plan to offer? Select all that apply.
  - Soccer
  - Bowling
  - Basketball
  - Track and Field

- Kickball
  - Flag Football – Spring
  - Flag Football – Fall
  - Tennis
  - Volleyball
  - Not offering interscholastic sports
  - Other
- For each Unified Sports opportunity you intend to implement, please describe your plan for implementation. Your response should include information on practice or meeting schedules, anticipated competitions, and recruitment strategies.

### **SECTION 8: INCLUSIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

- What Inclusive Youth Leadership opportunities will your students be involved in? Select all that apply.
  - Unified Club
  - Inclusive School Leadership Clubs (student council, National Honor Society, etc.)
  - Young Athletes (Grades K-2 only)
  - Other
- For your Inclusive Youth Leadership offerings, please describe your implementation plan. Your response should include how often the group will meet, the activities students will lead or participate in, and how students with and without intellectual disabilities will collaborate in decision-making, self-advocacy, and school-wide awareness and advocacy initiatives.

### **SECTION 9: WHOLE SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT**

- What Whole School Engagement opportunities will your students be involved in? Select all that apply.
  - Club Fair / Recruitment Table / Back to School Night Info Table
  - Start With Hello Day
  - Week of Respect, including Disability Awareness
  - Fall Fans in the Stands for Unified Sports
  - Thanks4Giving Cool Schools Challenge
  - International Day of Persons with Disabilities Celebration
  - Jingle All the Way Cool Schools Challenge
  - Winter Fans in the Stands for Unified Sports
  - Wildwood Plunge Cool Schools Challenge
  - Spread the Word: Inclusion Campaign
  - Week of Inclusion Spirit Days
  - Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day
  - Autism Acceptance Day
  - Lincoln Tunnel Challenge Cool Schools Challenge
  - Unified Field Day
  - Spring Fans in the Stands for Unified Sports
  - Walk SONJ Cool Schools Challenge
  - Other fundraising event or campaign

- Unified Sports teams will be introduced and recognized at school assemblies and/or pep rallies
- School or district social media features Unified Sports or Unified Clubs
- Unified has its own social media account(s)
- Morning announcements (or equivalent) frequently mention Unified and/or include a message of inclusion
- Please describe your school’s Whole School Engagement plan. Include what activities or initiatives will be offered, when they will take place, and who will be involved in planning and participation.

### **SECTION 10: SELF-SUSTAINABILITY**

- How much funding does your school or district anticipate contributing to Unified initiatives during the 2026-27 school year? This amount should be *in addition to* any Unified UCS funding received from SONJ. Please include specific dollar amounts and indicate how funds will be allocated.
  - *Example: \$10,000 total (\$5,000 for coach stipends; \$2,500 for transportation; \$2,500 for supplies and uniforms)*
- What fundraising efforts are you planning to support your Unified initiatives during the 2026–27 school year, and how much do you anticipate raising?
  - *Example: Cool Schools Challenge (November): \$1,000, Car wash (April): \$400 expected*
- How does your school plan to reduce reliance on SONJ UCS funding beyond the 2026–27 school year? Please describe strategies your school will use to financially sustain Unified initiatives over time, such as securing school or district support, fundraising efforts, community partnerships, sponsorships, or other long-term funding plans. If your school is self-funded, please enter N/A.
- Additional comments about self-funding and self-sustainability.

### **SECTION 11: BUDGET**

Each UCS pillar—Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole School Engagement—has its own budget section. Please list expenses separately under each pillar and avoid duplicating costs across sections.

- Are you requesting funding for the 2026-27 school year? If yes, continue the application. If no, you may exit the application

### **SECTION 12: UNIFIED SPORTS EXPENSES**

- Unified Sports Coach Stipends - Itemized Budget
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport. Pre-K and elementary schools offering Unified Sports outside of an individual’s contracted work hours should report stipend expenses under Inclusive Youth Leadership Stipends
  - Please itemize anticipated transportation costs.
    - *Example: Unified Bowling Coach @ \$1,000, Unified Track and Field Coach @ \$1,000*
- Unified Sports Coach Stipends - Total Amount Requested
  - Enter the total Unified Sports Coach Stipends cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
- Unified Sports Facility Rental – Itemized Budget

- This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport that requires off-site facility rental.
- Please itemize anticipated rental costs.
  - *Example: 4 practices at Bowlero @ \$100 per practice*
- Unified Sports Facility Rental - Total Amount Requested
  - Enter the total facility rental cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
- Unified Sports Transportation - Itemized Budget
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport.
  - Please itemize anticipated transportation costs.
    - *Example: 4 away Unified Flag Football games @ \$500 each*
- Unified Sports Transportation - Total Amount Requested
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport.
  - Enter the total transportation cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
- Unified Sports Officials' Fees - Itemized Budget
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport. Officials' fees may be reimbursed for up to three (3) home competitions per interscholastic Unified Sports team
  - Please itemize anticipated officials' fees.
    - *Example: 2 officials (\$75 each) at 3 home Unified Basketball games*
- Unified Sports Officials' Fees - Total Amount Requested
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport. Officials' fees may be reimbursed for up to three (3) home competitions per interscholastic Unified Sports team.
  - Enter the total officials' fees cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
- Unified Sports Supplies – Itemized Budget
  - Please itemize all anticipated supplies needed to support your Unified Sports program. This category may include sport-specific equipment and consumable supplies. Do not include t-shirts or uniforms in this section.
    - *Example: Flag footballs (6 @ \$25 each) and Cones and training equipment (\$150)*
- Unified Sports Supplies - Total Amount Requested
  - Enter the total officials' fees cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
  - Do not include t-shirts or uniforms in this section.
- Unified Sports Uniforms - Itemized Budget
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport. Uniforms are expected to be used for multiple years.
  - Please itemize all uniform-related expenses needed to support your Unified Sports team(s).
  - T-Shirts should not be included in this category. You may request them in Inclusive Youth Leadership Supplies.

- *Example: Unified basketball jerseys (first season): 12 @ \$40, Supplemental bowling jerseys (team is growing): 3 @ \$20*
- Unified Sports Uniforms - Total Amount Requested
  - This budget category is available only to middle and high schools offering an interscholastic Unified Sport.
  - Enter the total uniform cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.

### **SECTION 13: INCLUSIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP (CLUB) EXPENSES**

- Club Advisor Stipends - Itemized Budget
  - *Example: Unified Club Lead Advisor \$500, Unified Club Assistant Advisor \$400*
- Club Advisor Stipends - Total Amount Requested
  - Enter the total club advisor stipend cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
- Club / IYL Supplies - Itemized Budget
  - Limits include: Up to \$100 for non-durable goods
  - Please do not include t-shirts in this category.
  - *Example: \$50 for posterboard for inclusion week*
- Club / IYL Supplies - Total Amount Requested
  - Please do not include t-shirts in this category.
  - Enter the total club/IYL supplies cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.
- Club / IYL T-Shirts - Itemized Budget
  - Limit \$500 for up to 75 t-shirts
- Club / IYL T-Shirts - Total Amount Requested
  - Enter the total club/IYL t-shirts stipend cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.

### **SECTION 14: WHOLE SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT EXPENSES**

- Whole School Engagement Supplies - Itemized Budget
  - Please only include items which are not readily available at your school.
  - Promotional items and awards are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Whole School Engagement Supplies - Total Amount Requested
  - Enter the total WSE supplies cost calculated from the itemized budget in the previous question.

### **SECTION 15: TOTAL FUNDING**

- Total Funding Requested. Should equal the total of all categories above