

## Tahoe Mountain Resort Foundation 2025 Grant Application

Date: October 17, 2024

Organization Name: Sagehen Outdoor Education Program/TTUSD  
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Project Title: 2025-2026 Sagehen Outdoor Educ. Program Request Amount: \$ 5,000

### Please attach the following to your completed application:

1. Summary/Overview including the following information - 2 pages maximum
  - Brief history, mission and activities of your organization
  - Purpose of the program / project
  - Expected results and plans for accomplishing results
  - A statement advising how the grant, if made, can be evaluated with regard to disbursement of funds and the effectiveness of the program.
2. Financial Information
  - Project/Grant budget
  - Organization's Annual Operating Budget
  - Financial P&L statement for most recent completed year
3. Copy of IRS 501(C) (3) Letter
4. List of Directors and key personnel, including titles

### Submission Requirements:

- Grant requests can be submitted via e-mail. E-mail submissions must arrive prior to the October 31, 2024 Noon PT cut-off.
- Please provide a single PDF of your grant application and supporting materials.
- If you wish to include marketing materials, please include within your PDF. All applications should be e-mailed to: jwatts@tahoemountainrealty.com

Sagehen Outdoor Education Program is requesting funding for the school year 2025-2026. We are requesting \$5,000.

Sagehen Outdoor Education Program is a program within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. It has been in operation for over 15 years, being organized by the volunteer efforts of a few teachers.

The mission of the program is to provide activity-based experiential learning in an outdoor setting. Today, as children spend more time indoors on computers, the importance of hands-on science in an outdoor setting is even more valuable. Our programs aim to provide this important aspect of learning to the students of TTUSD. The lessons are motivating, engaging, and fun, and because of this the students' learning is deep. The goal is for the 5th graders to leave these programs with a greater appreciation of nature, science, their local environment, and each other. The kids want to take care of their environment once they have grown to love it!

This program provides this environmental outdoor education program for approximately 300 fifth grade students in the Tahoe Truckee School District. Students learn a variety of skills and gain knowledge about many different topics. Lessons include team building, local ecosystems, flora and fauna of the Sierra Nevada, plant and animal identification, and other science/environmental education topics. Each class will attend 2 one-day programs in the fall (Sept-Oct 2025), a one-day snow science program in the winter (Feb-Mar 2026), and a one-day program in the spring (May-June 2026). The Fall and Spring Programs are held at UC Berkeley Sagehen Field Station located north of Truckee. Lessons are taught by educators from two local non-profits: Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP) and Tahoe Institute of Science (TINS). For 2025-2026 we are planning to have two researchers from UC Berkeley join in teaching lessons in the Fall and the Spring Programs. Having researchers as instructors was an important part of the program in the past. We are excited to have this aspect of the program return. The students are very motivated by the researchers. The students learn that there are many exciting possibilities for their future if they study science.

Written evaluation of the program is done by students and teachers, and a yearly evaluation is done by program directors and school administrators.

Grant money is received and administered by Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Checks need to be made out to TTUSD with Sagehen Outdoor Education Program in the memo line.