

SUCCESS AMBASSADOR GRANT APPLICATION FORM: Start Up Grant

**Grants will be dispersed on the 15th of each month (or the next business day). In order to be considered for a Start Up Grant, applications must be submitted by the 31st of the prior month.*

Dear Success Ambassador,

The Interweave Start Up Grant is specifically intended to cover the start-up and expansion costs of training self-reliance groups through Interweave Solutions. We recognize that it can be very costly to start an official MBS business and provide the materials necessary to get it on its feet. ***(This is not referring to your first group as a Success Ambassador, but to the legalization and organization of an official business entity. It is expected that if you are applying for this grant, you already have some experience as a Success Ambassador.)***

Thanks to our generous donors, we have *limited* funds available to help in these situations. As you apply, please keep in mind that we are an International Organization working with *hundreds* of Ambassadors, all of whom are working towards the same goal.

Each application will be reviewed carefully by a committee made up of board members, donors and office staff, and funds will be awarded to the groups that are most needful and will progress the most with the funds provided. *To clarify, this means **we do not guarantee that you will receive money from Interweave Solutions simply because you apply for a start up grant.*** Please know that our decision to accept or not accept your proposal is in no way a reflection of you as a Success Ambassador nor of our support and appreciation of your efforts.

Before applying for the grant, you must **prove that you have the experience and plans necessary to succeed** if you are offered the grant. Therefore, before submitting a grant application, please be sure that you qualify in **ALL** of the following ways:

- You have significant training and experience as a Success Ambassador. We will determine your level of experience based on:
 - The groups and graduates you have recorded on myPlatform
 - Your individual statistics on myPlatform
 - Pre and post evaluations of your students
 - Your participation in webinar trainings
- You have and can provide a current Business Plan (based off of your current Success Ambassador business). This includes:
 - The 6Ps checklist
 - Cash Projection (including how grant funds will be used)
 - Current Income Statement
 - Current Income and Expense Log

The following is not required but is *strongly encouraged* and will greatly increase your likelihood to receive the grant.

- You have sought partnership entities (local NGOs, churches, libraries, schools, MFIs, government associations, clubs, etc.) to provide a location to teach, finance the printing of materials and/or legalization of your business, subsidize travel expenses, etc.

It is expected that if we approve your grant proposal, we can be confident that your Success Ambassador business will grow as a result of receiving the funds. If your proposal is approved, you will need to give continual reports on how your business has grown because of the funds distributed. Interweave Central Office will coordinate these communications.

By submitting the application below, you affirm that you understand and commit to the grant requirements and conditions listed above. Please be completely honest in your submission, and keep your answers brief and specific.

We support you and hope to help facilitate your success in moving people from poverty to prosperity in the best way we can. Thank you for your dedication to Interweave's mission, vision and values (www.interweavesolutions.org/mission-vision-and-values) and your hard work as a facilitator of self-reliance.

Best of luck,

The Interweave Team

Your Name:

Current Residence (city, country):

Success Ambassador Certificate Number:

In the space below, please give a **brief history of your time as a Success Ambassador** (tell us about the MBS groups you have facilitated so far including the number of participants and graduates, previous grants received from Interweave, etc.)

In the space below, please **explain your need for Interweave's Start Up Grant**. Please also include any efforts you have made to create partnerships and find outside funding:

Please provide details of your plan regarding the following start-up factors.

BUILDING/RENT: _____

LEGAL/REGISTRATION FEES: _____

TRANSPORTATION: _____

PRINTING FEES: _____

OTHER (must specify) _____

If you asked for money for OTHER please specify what the money is needed for in the space below:

Please also attach your current MBS Business Plan to this proposal. *Your application will not be considered if your MBS plan is not attached.* This plan should be based off of your CURRENT SUCCESS AMBASSADOR BUSINESS.

A complete Business Plan includes:

- A 6P's checklist
- 6 month Cash Flow Projection
- Income Statement
- Income and Expense Log

Your Business Plan should be detailed and well thought-out. We are looking for evidence that you have a plan of exactly how you will use Interweave's funds to start your business. The receipt of this grant should facilitate self-reliance for your business in the future and we want to see that reflected in your plan.

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT FROM INTERWEAVE (Max \$1500): _____

Comments or anything else you think we should know:

When this form is completed, please send it to ***seraphin@interweavesolutions.org*** for review with the subject SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION.

Thank you! **Please be patient while we process your application.** We will be in contact with you as soon as we can, and may reach out to invite you for a video interview before final decisions are made.