



## **AI GRANT WRITING GUIDE**

## Using Artificial Intelligence for SUVCW Grant Writing

### Introduction

This guide complements the 'Guide to Grant Writing' by showing how members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) can use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve grant writing. It provides recommendations for different skill levels and integrates prompt examples directly into each use case.

### Section 1: Beginners – Getting Started with AI

For members new to AI, here are simple ways to get started:

- Use AI-powered writing assistants to draft project descriptions in plain language.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Rewrite this project description in simpler language for a general audience: [paste text]."*
- Ask AI to check your writing for grammar, spelling, and clarity.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Check this draft for grammar, spelling, and clarity: [paste text]."*
- Provide bullet points of project ideas and let AI create a short grant proposal summary.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Turn these bullet points into a short grant proposal summary: [list bullet points]."*
- Have AI draft a professional cover letter for your grant request.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Write a professional cover letter for a grant application requesting \$10,000 to restore Civil War battle flags."*

### Section 2: Intermediate – Improving Efficiency

For members with some AI and grant writing experience, AI can streamline the process:

- Use AI to summarize grant opportunities from Grants.gov or OpenGrants and explain relevance.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Summarize this grant opportunity from Grants.gov and explain if it's a good fit for SUVCW: [paste text]."*
- Generate project goals and objectives from bullet points.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Draft goals and objectives from these bullet points for a historical preservation grant: [list goals]."*
- Create evaluation metrics and survey ideas to demonstrate project impact.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Suggest three measurable outcomes and evaluation methods for a project that restores Civil War monuments."*
- Adapt SUVCW boilerplate text to match specific grant requirements.  
**Prompt Example:** *"Adapt this SUVCW mission statement into a 200-word narrative for an education-focused grant."*

### Section 3: Advanced – AI Agents and Automation

For advanced users and the SUVCW Brothers writing grants, AI agents provide automation and strategic insights:

- AI agents can be programmed to scan public grant databases (Grants.gov, SAM.gov) for opportunities that match SUVCW priorities.  
**Prompt Example:** "Search Grants.gov for opportunities related to Civil War preservation or veterans' history and return the top 5 matches."
- Use AI agents to score and rank opportunities by eligibility, fit, and deadline urgency.  
**Prompt Example:** "Score this list of grant opportunities from 0–100 for SUVCW based on eligibility, fit, and deadline urgency: [paste list]."
- Automatically draft initial letters of inquiry, budget frameworks, and timelines.  
**Prompt Example:** "Draft a letter of inquiry for a grant supporting a \$50,000 digitization project of SUVCW archives."
- Generate a monthly digest of opportunities with summaries and recommendations.  
**Prompt Example:** "Generate a monthly digest of new grant opportunities with deadlines, eligibility criteria, and reasons they may fit SUVCW."

Note: The SUVCW Brothers writing grants will experiment with AI agents as this technology evolves and will provide updates and tools to members in future versions of this guide.

#### Section 4: Best AI Tools for SUVCW

The below is a fairly comprehensive list of current AI sites that are most suitable for SUVCW. Many have free tiers. ChatGPT.com is easy to use and may meet the needs for one grant application at the free level. The paid tiers offer more robust features and can handle a greater volume of data. Ultimately, the choice of A.I. models is up to each person depending upon their preferences

Tool	Key Features Useful for SUVCW	Pricing / Tier	Pros (for SUVCW)	Things to Watch Out For
<b>Grantboost</b>	Proposal templates; "Boost" AI bot; collaboration features; tracking of grant applications. <a href="http://grantboost.io+1">grantboost.io+1</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free plan: basic templates, limited "boosts" (40/month). <a href="http://grantboost.io">grantboost.io</a></li> <li>• Pro: \$19.99/month – unlimited AI access, unlimited template access. <a href="http://grantboost.io">grantboost.io</a></li> <li>• Teams: \$29.99/month – support for multiple users,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low entry cost</li> <li>• Good value for smaller camps or individual members who need drafting help</li> <li>• Supports collaboration if working in a team</li> <li>• Has basic/free features so you can test without high risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free plan limits how many AI "boosts" you can use; might constrain larger/more ambitious applications</li> <li>• May not have very deep "evaluation plan / compliance matrices" tools that big federal grants need</li> <li>• Need to verify how well it handles matching-fund rules or specialized heritage/preservation language</li> </ul>

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<b>Fundwriter.ai</b>	Variety of “writing styles / skills”; ability to generate many worded outputs; helps with proposal drafting, appeals, letters. <a href="http://fundwriter.ai">fundwriter.ai</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic plan: \$29/month for ~20,000 AI-generated words. <a href="http://fundwriter.ai">fundwriter.ai</a></li> <li>• Professional: ~\$89/month for more features, unlimited word count, and team members (extra cost per user). <a href="http://fundwriter.ai">fundwriter.ai</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong for intermediate users who have project ideas but need help fleshing them out</li> <li>• Word quota useful if you write many proposals or draft long sections</li> <li>• Has trial period so you can test before committing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If proposals require highly technical or heritage-specific knowledge, the generic AI might need heavy editing</li> <li>• Team member add-ons cost more</li> <li>• Watch for hidden costs (e.g. for more advanced features)</li> </ul>
<b>Grantable</b>	Full grant writing assistant: planning tools, content library, tracker for deadlines and tasks; helps with collaboration. <a href="http://Grantable+1">Grantable+1</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free tier: limited AI usage, core features. Good for trying it out. <a href="http://Grantable+1">Grantable+1</a></li> <li>• Paid plans: more seats, more AI usage, more storage, more collaborators. Exact pricing varies. <a href="http://Grantable+1">Grantable+1</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good match if SUVCW wants to standardize proposal content / re-use boilerplate (history, mission, past projects)</li> <li>• Useful for committees that must share drafts, track revisions, manage deadlines</li> <li>• The visual/task tracking features help avoid missing due dates or</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI usage is “rate limited” in lower tiers—may need to upgrade for heavier drafting</li> <li>• There may be learning curve to set up all content library and collaboration</li> <li>• Some proposal requirements (for example federal compliance, matching funds, specialized evaluation metrics) may still need manual work</li> </ul>

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<b>Grant Assistant</b>	An end-to-end grant writing platform that includes: ready templates, summarizer for solicitations, proposal structure tools, ability to capture tone of voice, tools for monitoring & evaluation, helps decide “Go/No-Go”. <a href="https://grantassistant.ai">grantassistant.ai</a>	Pricing isn’t clearly advertised for all tiers (often “book a demo / contact sales”) but it is oriented toward nonprofits, larger proposals. <a href="https://grantassistant.ai">grantassistant.ai</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong candidate if SUVCW wants to tackle more complex proposals (state/federal or large matching grants)</li> <li>• Helps reduce risk of missing compliance details or eligibility misalignments (Solicitation summarizer, etc.)</li> <li>• Good for capacity building: you can get more structure, more consistent quality across different camps/projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Likely more expensive; cost may be higher— may need budget or committee buy-in before adopting</li> <li>• More features sometimes come with more setup/training required</li> <li>• As with all tools, the outputs will need review by someone with specific subject knowledge (heritage/conservation etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Zeffy AI Grant Research Tool</b>	Focused more on discovering grant opportunities; matching for cultural heritage / preservation nonprofits; AI-powered grant research → helps find relevant grants. <a href="https://zeffy.com">Zeffy+1</a>	It seems to offer “free AI-powered grants research” for historical or cultural heritage use cases. <a href="https://zeffy.com">Zeffy</a>		

## References

This document should be used alongside the 'Grand Writing Steps Guideline,' which provides the foundation of grant writing. Together, these resources give SUVCW members both the traditional and modern tools needed for successful fundraising.