



2009-2010 Saginaw Community Foundation

# *Grant\$ for Excellence*

## **PURPOSE OF PROJECT**

The **Grants for Excellence** program provides funding to Saginaw County schools for creative educational initiatives and projects not currently supported by school budgets.

The program is meant to:

- Enhance student experiences and curriculum activities
- Develop projects to facilitate different learning styles
- Motivate student curiosity and learning
- Supplement additional funding sources
- Purchase educational materials and/or bring non-traditional resources to the classroom
- Develop and share innovative methods and tools for teaching
- Inspire professional development and growth

Although not specifically precluded, applications for continuation of existing programs may receive lower funding priority. (See "Review Criteria" information.)

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

All Saginaw County Pre K - 12 teachers and instructional staff are eligible to apply. While more than one application may be submitted, only one grant will be awarded per individual, per year.

## **GRANT AMOUNTS**

The typical grant award is expected to be between \$500 - \$750, with a maximum grant award of \$1,000.

## **TIMELINE**

Application Deadline:

**November 1, 2009**

Notification of Decision:

**Mid-December, 2009**

Project Implementation:

**January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010**

Final report Due:

**July 30, 2010**

## **GRANTS FOR EXCELLENCE REVIEW CRITERIA**

Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis by an advisory committee consisting of civic and community volunteers and educators. All applications will be reviewed without the identity of the educator or their school. The advisory committee evaluates individual proposals based on:

- Number of students involved in and/or benefiting from the project
- Expected impact of the program
- Effectiveness of the activity or program
- Potential to improve student achievement and morale
- Cost effectiveness
- Enhancement of the skills of teachers and support staff
- Potential for continuation and/or replication

Additional criteria used to evaluate the projects include the following:

- Educational objectives within the context of the Pre K - 12th grade curriculum
- Implementation of the project, timetable, and project budget
- Endorsement by the building principal

## **EXCLUDED PROGRAMS**

The following will not be considered for mini-grants under the **Grants for Excellence** program:

- Renovation of facilities
- Religious activities and teachings
- Computer hardware or software (including CD-ROMs), unless it is an integral part of a proposed innovative activity
- Trips, unless they are an integral part of a proposed innovative activity
- "Bags of Books" projects
- Tuition for academic degree programs or classes
- Accelerated reading and math programs
- Sound systems
- Video equipment and cameras, unless it is an integral part of a proposed innovative activity

## **EVALUATION**

Grantees are expected to provide a written report to the Saginaw Community Foundation at the conclusion of their project, but no later than July 30, 2009. This report should include a financial statement, description of the project and the impact on students and their school.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions, please contact the Saginaw Community Foundation;  
100 S. Jefferson, Suite 201; Saginaw, MI 48607; **(989) 755-0545**.

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Project Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant Request \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Students Involved \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Staff Involved \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade(s) of Students \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
School District (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Improvement Team  
Leader (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Summary:** Explain, in 50 words or less, what you want to do and identify how Grants for Excellence funds would be used.

In writing your proposal, please answer the questions on the following page as clearly, completely, and precisely as possible. Your application should be no longer than two typewritten pages. To ensure our blind application process, please do NOT mention the name of specific teachers or schools in the body of your proposal.

Return your completed application and this cover sheet, no later than November 1, 2009, to: Grants for Excellence; Saginaw Community Foundation; 100 S. Jefferson, Suite 201; Saginaw, MI 48607. **FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



## GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions as clearly, completely, and precisely as possible. Your application should be no longer than two typewritten pages.

It is important that you do **NOT** mention the name of the specific individuals or schools when answering the following questions.

- I. **PROJECT SUMMARY:** Please provide a brief summary of your project.
  
- II. **GOAL(S) OF THE PROJECT:** What is your goal(s) for this project? Why is it needed? What specific type(s) of student will be served by your project?
  
- III. **PROJECT OBJECTIVES & NARRATIVE:** Specifically, what do you hope to accomplish? Describe in detail the activities that will take place. Describe how your project relates to your school system's overall goals. How many students and/or staff will be involved with this project? What grade level(s) and type(s) of classes are involved? Could your project be replicated? If so, how?
  
- IV. **TIMELINE:** Please provide a schedule of activities for your project. Describe any plans to continue the project beyond the grant period, if any.
  
- V. **EVALUATION:** How will you determine whether your project is successful? How will you measure the results? Identify follow-up methods that could be used. How will your school, students, and parents learn about the results of your project?
  
- VI. **PROJECT BUDGET:** Fill out the budget sheet (attached).

With questions, call LeeAnn Martuch – 755-0545  
or email to [leeann@saginawfoundation.org](mailto:leeann@saginawfoundation.org)

