
MERRILLVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION



GRANT APPLICATION MERRILLVILLE, IN 46411

The Merrillville Education Foundation, Inc. is committed to being the primary private sector partner in supporting public education where public funds are not available in the Merrillville Community School Corporation. This will be accomplished by providing grants for programs that encourage educational innovation, promote excellence, and create educational opportunities for students.

Round 31 will fund innovative projects for the SPRING Semester of 2018.

**DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2017**

Notification of Awards will be on or about Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

SEND GRANT APPLICATIONS TO MEFGRANT@GMAIL.COM

**ONLY THOSE SENT TO THE GMAIL ACCOUNT WILL BE
CONSIDERED. YOU WILL RECEIVE A REPLY THAT YOUR
APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

**BE SURE TO USE THIS APPLICATION, NOT A PREVIOUS
ONE AS SOME ITEMS HAVE CHANGED.**

GRANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **The Merrillville Education Foundation** plans to release a total of \$5,000 for this *thirty-first* round of grants.
- Individual requests of \$500 will be considered. Larger amounts will be considered only if it is believed that more students beyond a single classroom or beyond one group would benefit.
- The goal is to offer Merrillville Community School Corporation teachers an opportunity to develop and implement creative and innovative student activities which will enhance the programs of the Merrillville Community School Corporation.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be current staff of the Merrillville Community School Corporation.
- Purchases of equipment or teacher resource books may be part of the project, but it should not be an end in itself.
- No purchase of computer hardware will be considered.
- Any equipment or durable items purchased with MEF grant funds become the permanent property of the Merrillville Community School Corporation and stay at the school in which the grant was awarded.
- Projects involving college credit, staff development, salaries, incentives, stipends, food, or travel will not be considered in this round of grants.
- **Funding for food may be considered, but it will not be an MEF priority. Any food requests must be in compliance with new State and Federal School Guidelines.**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Applications will be judged on educational quality, impact on the school community, and thoroughness of planning for implementation and evaluation of the project as outlined in the grant application.
- Priority again will be given to projects that directly and specifically promote ISTEP skills improvement.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

- A review panel of the Merrillville Education Foundation will recommend approval of Grant recipients.
- All requests will receive final approval by the MEF Board.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should prepare a proposal that follows chronologically the format outlined below. Please also include the Information Sheet with your application. We are providing the rubric used by the review panel to help you identify important points in the application process. The total possible is 100 points.

The following items should be covered individually in separate paragraphs in no more than three typed pages. Please do not combine items.

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT – TOTAL 40 POINTS

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| A. Creative, innovative, original project and its purpose. | (10 Points) | A.____ |
| B. Benefit gained by students. | (10 Points) | B.____ |
| C. How many students will benefit from the project? | (10 Points) | C.____ |
| D. Describe how it aligns to MCSC goals/curriculum. | (10 Points) | D.____ |

II. BUDGET - TOTAL 20 POINTS

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| A. Budget shows all expenses including hidden fees. | (10 Points) | A.____ |
| B. Money clearly not available from corporation or other sources must be noted. Please show that you attempted to obtain financing from other sources as well. (i.e. PTO, other grants, student fees such as for bus transportation, parents, TEP, etc.) If you are | | |

receiving additional funding for this project from another source, please indicate. **(10 Points)** **B._____**

III. SUBMISSION – 40 POINTS

A. Include a chronological schedule of activities that is specific, clear, logical, and workable. **(20 Points)** **A._____**

B. Show a clear way to assess students and measure success of the project **(20 Points)** **B._____**

IV. SUMMARY

Include a one-paragraph summary stating the title, activities, and purpose of your project.

TOTAL PARTS I, II, AND III (100 possible). -----

Evaluator

Merrillville Education Foundation, Inc.

2017 - GRANT PROPOSAL #31 – 2017

-INFORMATION SHEET-

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Friday, October 20, 2017.

No proposals will be accepted after the above date. Please print or type all information on this form and attach it to your written proposal.

PROJECT TITLE: _____

CONTACT PERSON/TEAM LEADER: _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** _____

TEAM MEMBER (S) _____ SCHOOL _____ EMAIL _____

(List names and schools of all team members involved) _____

PROJECT DURATION: _____

SUBJECT AREA(S): _____

TARGET GROUP: _____

Grade Level(s): _____

Number of Students: _____

Number of Teachers: _____

Total Amount Requested to Fund Project: _____

I affirm that I will present my project to the staff at my school upon its completion.

Signature

Date

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APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED ONLY TO:

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CONTRIBUTER INFORMATION

We hope you will support the Merrillville Education Foundation by becoming a contributor .

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTOR LEVELS AVAILABLE

Diamond Contributor	\$5000 or more
Platinum Star	\$1000 - \$4999
Gold Star	\$500-\$999
Silver Star	\$250-\$499
Bronze Star	\$100-\$249
Purple Star	up to \$99

Goals

In the pursuit of our mission, the Merrillville Education Foundation Inc. commits to create and develop programs and support roles in two areas:

- ❖ Development of business and community partnerships in support of the Merrillville Community School Corporation.
- ❖ Fund grants, which support individual classroom and/or schools to broaden:
 - Innovations at the school level
 - Educational opportunities for students

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

*Merrillville Education Foundation, Inc.
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P.O. Box 14475
Merrillville, IN 46411*