
MERRILLVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION



GRANT APPLICATION
P.O. BOX 14475
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 Twenty will fund innovative projects for the Fall Semester of 2012.

**DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY,
MARCH 15, 2012.**

Notification of Awards will be on or about Friday, March 30, 2012.

SEND GRANT APPLICATIONS TO MEFGRANT@GMAIL.COM

**ONLY THOSE SENT TO THE GMAIL ACCOUNT WILL BE
CONSIDERED.**

GRANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Merrillville Education Foundation plans to release a total of \$5,000 for this *twentieth* 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 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. *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 to 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.

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.

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 select Grant recipients.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

THERE IS NO APPLICATION FORM

Applicants should prepare a proposal that follows chronologically the format outlined below.

The following items should be covered in no more than three typed pages.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- What is the purpose/goal of your project?
- What benefit will students gain?
- How many students will benefit from this project?
- How will you objectively measure the success of your project?

BUDGET

- You must submit a budget. Please research your expenditures and compile a specific budget. Don't forget to include shipping charges and other **"hidden"** fees.
- Money clearly not available from corporation or **other sources**. Please **show that you attempted** to obtain financing from other sources as well. (I.e. PTO, other grants, student fees for bus transportation, parents, TEP, etc.) If you are receiving additional funding for this project from another source, please indicate.

TIME LINE

Include a schedule of activities that is specific, clear, logical, and workable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On a separate sheet of paper, include a one-paragraph summary stating the title, activities, and purpose of your project. Attach it to your proposal and to the **INFORMATION SHEET** located on the next page of this form.

Merrillville Education Foundation, Inc.

2012 - GRANT PROPOSAL #20 – 2012

-INFORMATION SHEET-

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Thursday, March 15, 2012.

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 _____

(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

Platinum Star	\$1000 or More
Gold Star	\$500-\$999
Silver Star	\$250-\$499
Bronze Star	\$100-\$249
Purple Star	\$50-\$99
White Star	\$49 or under

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.
ATTN: Membership Committee
P.O. Box 14475
Merrillville, IN 46411*