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# **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 Twenty-Three will fund innovative projects for the Spring Semester of 2014.

**DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15, 2013.**

Notification of Awards will be on or about Monday, December 2, 2013.

**SEND GRANT APPLICATIONS TO [MEFGRANT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MEFGRANT@GMAIL.COM)**

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

# ***GRANT INFORMATION***

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

## **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 select Grant recipients.
- Those requests will be approved by the MEF Board.

## 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.

#### I. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- A. What is the purpose/goal of your project?
- B. What benefit will students gain?
- C. How many students will benefit from this project?
- D. How will you objectively measure with documentation the success of your project?

#### II. BUDGET

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

#### III. TIME LINE

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

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

# Merrillville Education Foundation, Inc.

2014 - GRANT PROPOSAL #23 – 2014

## -INFORMATION SHEET-

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** Thursday, October 10, 2013.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(List names and schools of all team members involved)  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

**This round of grants will fund innovative projects for the Spring, 2014 Semester.**

**Deadline for grant proposals is Thursday, October 10, 2013.**

**Notification of Awards will be on or about Wednesday, October 23, 2013.**

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED ONLY TO:**

**MEFGRANT@GMAIL.COM**

# **MERRILLVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

## **CONTRIBUTER INFORMATION**

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

### **ANNUAL CONTRIBUTOR LEVELS AVAILABLE**

Diamond Star Contributor	\$5000 or more
Platinum Star Contributor	\$1000 - \$4999
Gold Star Contributor	\$500-\$999
Silver Star Contributor	\$250-\$499
Bronze Star Contributor	\$100-\$249
Purple Star Contributor	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.  
ATTN: Membership Committee  
P.O. Box 14475  
Merrillville, IN 46411*