



2011-2012 Northwest Educational Foundation Classroom Mini-Grant Application

The Northwest Educational Foundation is pleased to offer the 2011-2012 annual classroom mini-grants. Last year, many mini-grants were funded across the Northwest district. Mini-grants are designed to fund educational opportunities for students that are not available through the school district's general budget. Grant awards range up to \$500.

A grant review committee made up of Northwest Educational Foundation Board members will review the applications. Grant applications may be sent to Northwest High School, Attn. Northwest Educational Foundation, 2710 N. North Road, Grand Island, NE 68803 or emailed to info@nwfoundation.org. Completed grant applications are due June 1, 2011. Grant awards will be announced in early August.

Grants will be considered for: educational field trips, guest speakers, classroom projects that require out of the ordinary supplies, educational software for student use, etc. Applications must demonstrate the impact on, and the benefit to students. The committee looks favorably upon cooperative grants. Additionally, the committee is concerned with equity. A project that benefits all classrooms in a building at one or more levels will carry more points.

Grants will not be considered for: teacher stipends, t-shirts, and food (unless directly related to the project).

All grant applications must include the cover sheet and budget sheet provided in addition to the narrative.

Narrative

Please use the following format when completing your application. To facilitate review process, please number your categories the same way we have numbered them.

1. Project Title and Description
2. Total anticipated cost of project and amount requested (if different describe how the rest of the project will be funded.) Please provide an itemized budget (using budget sheet attached) and description of expenses.
3. How does this project provide additional opportunities for students while enhancing the current curriculum and meeting district objectives?
4. What outcomes do you expect to achieve with this project?
5. Provide a timeline for project activities and outcomes.

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Name of Applicant:

School Building:

E-mail Address of Applicant:

Grade Level of Impacted Students:

Number of Students Impacted:

Grant Title:

Amount Requested:

Brief Description of Project (4 sentences maximum):

Building Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

Total Project Budget

Type of Funding	Name of Source	Amount Requested
Mini-Grant	Northwest Educational Foundation	
Other sources		
Total		

Itemized Budget

Budget Category	Description	Amount
Personnel		
Travel		
Supplies		
Other (list items)		
	TOTAL	

2011-2012 Classroom Mini-grant Review Form (for Board)

1. Project Title and Description (5 points)
 - a. Cover page
 - b. Follow directions
 - c. Clear description
2. Total anticipated cost of project and amount requested (10 points)
 - a. Itemized budget
 - b. Reasonable expenses
 - c. Are expenses in line with the Foundation priority of providing additional opportunities for our students?
3. How does this project provide additional opportunities for students while enhancing the current curriculum and meeting district objectives? (20 points)
 - a. Does the project provide a learning experience/opportunity that the students would otherwise not receive?
 - b. Is the project high impact, involving a lot of students, or one that could be duplicated across the district so that it would impact a greater number of students?
 - c. Explain how project enhances current curriculum
 - d. Explain how project meets district objectives
 - e. How many disciplines are used in the project? Does the applicant describe how the project will impact different disciplines?
 - f. Does the project sound like an engaging learning experience? Would you or your children react favorably to the project?
4. What outcomes do you expect to achieve with this project? (10 points)
 - a. Explain the outcomes
 - b. Have a plan to measure outcomes
 - c. Outcomes realistic
5. Provide a timeline for project activities and outcomes. (5 points)
 - a. Timeline reasonable
 - b. Has the applicant planned adequate introduction and follow-up for the project?