

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Academic Enrichment Program Overview

The purpose of The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation is to serve students and teachers in developing interests, strategies, and skills needed to enhance society. The Foundation has three areas of focus: (a) academic enrichment, (b) teacher development, and (c) scholarships for prospective teachers.

Each year, The Foundation will award multiple grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each, to educators who are employed by schools or non-profit organizations in the United States of America. The grants are for one to three years, provided the eligibility requirements continue to be met. The purpose of the grants is to create enrichment programs that will serve to develop the intellectual, artistic and/or creative abilities of children from low-income households.

Eligibility

An educator who...

1. Is employed by a school or non-profit organization;
2. Has direct, regular contact with students in grades pre-k to 12 (e.g., public/private school, Boys and Girls Clubs, botanical/zoological gardens, museum education, etc.);
3. Has appropriate background and experience to complete the project successfully;
4. Works with students from low-income households;
5. Is willing to work in partnership with The Foundation.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

1. Projects that stress originality, pioneering and innovative approaches, and have potential to serve as models;
2. Projects that are connected to the culture and interests of students in the community (show evidence of student input);
3. Projects that are academically sound, interdisciplinary, or extensions of standard school programs, including extra-curricular activities;
4. Projects that lead to models for replication and sustainability are desired but not required;
5. Demonstration of appropriate local support (i.e. use of school/organization facilities/equipment);
6. Applicants may be individuals or groups;
7. All materials created as part of the grant for distribution to other educators will become the sole property of The Foundation, which will in turn distribute them to others at no or low cost;
8. Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, or other illegal discrimination categories;
9. Applicants who are related to by blood or marriage to any officer, trustee, employee or independent contractor retained by The Foundation are not eligible to apply;
10. No person who selects recipients may be in a position to derive a private benefit, directly or indirectly, if certain recipients are selected over others.

Expectations/Monitoring

1. Recipients of grant funds must submit a product at the end of the year of funding that can be disseminated. In addition, recipients must submit a report that includes a statement of goals and objectives, a curriculum guide, a narrative of

- progress for the year, and a self-evaluation of the project's problems and continuing progress. The report must also provide a final statement of expenditures, mapping out the use of funds in the implementation of the project;
2. Close partnership with The Foundation is required. The recipient will be expected to work with an assigned mentor from The Foundation's Board of Trustees to evaluate and influence the project. Recipients should make contact with the assigned mentor during the funding period.

Funding Arrangements

1. One-year renewable grants in the amounts of \$5,000 - \$10,000;
2. The possibility of multi-year and incremental increases in funding is available;
3. Funds will be disbursed to the individual who will be responsible for reporting to the Internal Revenue Service.

What Funds May Be Used For

1. Stipends for educators;
2. Transportation and other student-related expenditures;
3. Materials and supplies (e.g., paint, paper, software);
4. Time (i.e., substitute teachers) to develop and implement the project.

What Funds May Not Be Used For

1. Food;
2. Salaries;
3. Computers and other hardware;
4. Standard school materials (e.g., workbooks, pre-packaged programs);
5. Travel and in-service programs for teachers;
6. Rent, utilities, maintenance and custodial costs;
7. Existing programs (e.g., spelling bees, "Olympics of the Mind," Junior Great Books).

Application Requirements

1. Standard Cover Sheet;
2. Narrative, including budget justification;
3. Budget;
4. One to three letters of support.

Timeline

Applications must be postmarked by May 1st
Award notification by July 15th

Please mail five copies of the completed application and required material to:

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation
610 East South Temple, Suite 110
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Or e-mail the completed application to:

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