

ISD 88 GRANT APPLICATION



Mission: *To enhance the quality of education in ISD 88 while creating partnerships between the school, community, and alumni.*

Grant Applicant,

Thank you for considering applying for a grant from the ISD 88 Foundation. The Foundation acts as a FUNDER and SUPPORTER of New Ulm Public Schools. We are here to help you, to ENHANCE what you are already doing for the students of ISD 88. *Have you ever learned of an educational opportunity at a workshop, been inspired, and then wondered where you could go to get funding for that initiative? Have you ever thought your students could benefit from something new or different, something outside of the school district budget, but didn't know how to get it paid for?* That is why we are here - to enhance and support the important work of our district's educators.

“You are our Partner so Dare to Dream and think outside the BOX”

1. The Foundation is looking to fund approximately \$15,000 in grants per year.
2. Deadline for submission to the Foundation is February 22 of each year.
3. Grant applications are to be submitted to the respective building principal, who will forward them on to the superintendent. Together, they will determine whether or not the submitted project is feasible. The superintendent will forward all applications on to the Foundation for review and evaluation.
4. The selected project(s) will be unveiled at the Foundation's annual fundraising event, Eagles Extravaganza each spring. Attendance at the event is highly encouraged for those submitting proposals.
5. The Foundation will consider projects in the following areas, but projects are not limited to these areas:
 - Innovation
 - Curriculum enhancements
 - Enrichment and intervention opportunities
 - Campus and building improvements
6. The Foundation will evaluate submitted grants based on the established criteria (outlined on the application), giving higher consideration to those having the broadest impact.
7. The Foundation's grant selection committee is comprised of Foundation board members and community members at large. The selection committee will make a recommendation to the full Foundation board for final approval of grant(s). If deemed necessary, the applicants may be asked to present to the committee and answer questions regarding their proposal.
8. A final report is required within 60 days of project completion to the ISD 88 Foundation.

What does the Foundation fund?

Dare to Dream “What if” / Types of Projects

1. Fine Arts Center \$1.5mil
2. Large Scale Technology Improvements
 - a. District wide wireless initiative
 - b. Expand Website capabilities to better utilize as communication tool
 - c. Online Text books
3. Encourage initiative that support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
 - a. Expand funds for existing programs
 - b. Provide funds to provide outside school and inside school opportunities
 - c. Invest in innovative equipment
 - d. Sponsor Annual Science Fair or Club Competitions that support our Mission
4. Presentations /Field Trips that “inspire”
 - a. Shakespeare Play as part of curriculum/ Musical/ Symphony
 - b. Automobile Factory /Architect – inspire Engineers / Technicians
 - c. Observe a Surgery or Something in Medical Field
 - d. Courtroom Trial – inspire Lawyer/Judicial
 - e. Local or statewide Industry Speakers to inspire “possibilities”
5. Innovative Science / Updated Trade Equipment
 - a. Hands-On Advanced Integrated Equipment
 - b. Solar / Wind /Renewable equipment
 - c. Expand/Update Woods shop, machine shop, Home Ec etc.
6. After School Programs / Clubs
 - a. Teacher Stipend / Timeframe
 - b. Equipment/Software for Robotics / fund Competition
7. Summer Program / Community Ed Program that supports our Mission and allows for more opportunities for our students
8. Programs that engage our students in our Community or Create “Character”
 - a. Materials /Stipend for Community Service Project
 - b. Trip that allows students to look beyond themselves, test limits
 - i. Hiking / Kayaking
 - ii. Wilderness camping
9. Tutoring Partnership for Academic Excellence (St Paul Public School Foundation)
 - a. Strives to increase quantity of tutors to help eliminate achievement Gap
 - b. Promote VISTA = Volunteer – in-Service-To-America
 - c. Foundation coordination?
10. % of Funds allowed for administrative expenses
 - a. Part Time Foundation Director
 - b. Mailing / PO Box rental
 - c. Advertising
 - d. Printing / paper

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Applicant Information

Name of ISD 88 Applicant: _____ Email: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Contact Person (if different): _____ Email: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Grant Criteria

1. Support the Foundation's mission statement.
2. Effective at advancing student achievement.
3. Consideration will be given for project(s) with the broadest impact.
4. Consideration will be given for project(s) which are innovative and replicable.
5. Submission deadline to the Foundation is February 22; project to be implemented the following school year.

Grant Recipient Requirements

1. Grantee must acknowledge project funded by the ISD 88 Foundation in all printed material and press releases.
2. Funds must be spent by the end of the following fiscal year.
3. Grantee must submit a final report with photos in order to be considered for future projects.

Project Narrative: **Address all six areas below, maximum of two pages, attach to application.**

1. Project name
2. Description of Project (including: purpose, objectives, grade levels, and estimated # of students impacted)
3. Why is Project needed and how will it help student achievement?
4. How can Project be evaluated for effectiveness?
5. Have funds already been requested or received for the Project from any other source(s)? If so, how much and from where?
6. Detailed Budget

Project Begin Date: _____

Project End Date: _____

Funds requested from Foundation: _____

Funds from other sources: _____

Total Budget: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Building Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: All applications will be forwarded to the Foundation. Only applications with all three signatures will be considered for funding. Signature by Principal and Superintendent acknowledges project feasibility.

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