

2021-2022 MCEF Small Grants for Teachers

Unity Foundation of La Porte County

PROGRAM INFORMATION



The **MICHIGAN CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION** was established to enhance the experiences of the children in Michigan City Schools. Our purpose is to improve the quality of education by offering financial assistance to teachers so that they may develop and implement creative programs in the classroom. Our small grants program is designed to give teachers a chance to develop creative programs and turn them into classroom activities that promote real learning for children. Teachers may use their grants to fund activities in math, science, language arts, reading, social studies, art, music, and drama. We encourage projects that reflect enthusiasm from the teacher and offer students new and challenging educational experiences. Our goal is to make learning relevant, interesting and effective for your students. Grant funding may not be used to pay district personnel. Special projects and the materials needed to implement them are preferred over materials to enhance the general classroom.

Who is eligible to apply? MCEF accepts applications from teachers in K-8 schools serving Michigan City. (Barker Middle, Coolspring Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, Joy Elementary, Knapp Elementary, Krueger Middle, Lake Hills STEM Magnet Elementary, Marsh Elementary, Notre Dame Catholic School, Pine Fine Arts Magnet Elementary, Queen of All Saints Catholic School, Springfield Elementary, St. Paul Lutheran School, and St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic School)

How much money is available? Each grant applicant may request up to \$350. There will be multiple recipients each year. Multiple teachers may collaborate using one application.

How will recipients be chosen? A committee comprised of individuals from the Michigan City area education and business community will review the applications. This committee will then make recommendations to the Unity Foundation Board of Directors for approval.

Timeline

- Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 10.
- Awards will be announced by early October.
- Funds will be available by mid-October.
- Recipients are required to submit a report detailing project implementation and outcomes by Friday, June 17. Pictures are encouraged as part of the report.

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

Your application becomes valid only when completed in its entirety by Friday, September 10, 2021.

Be sure to answer all questions thoroughly and to the best of your knowledge. You may start your application and work on it over time by clicking "Save".

It is your responsibility to inform your school administrator of your proposed project/application. As a part of this application, you will be asked to confirm that he or she approves of your application.

Please update Unity Foundation with any changes to your contact or school information. Add "unity@uflc.net" and "lvarga@uflc.net" to your contacts, e-mail address book, or safe senders list to avoid messages regarding your application being blocked or identified as spam.

If you have questions please contact:
Unity Foundation of La Porte County

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ADDITIONAL APPLICANT

Additional Applicant Information*

Is there another teacher applying to be included in this request?

Choices

Yes

No

ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Additional Applicant 1*

Character Limit: 250

Email Address of Additional Applicant 1*

Character Limit: 254

Additional Applicant 2*

Is there another teacher applying to be included in this request?

Choices

Yes

No

SECOND ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Additional Applicant 2*

Character Limit: 250

Email Address of Additional Applicant 2*

Character Limit: 254

PROJECT OVERVIEW & DESCRIPTION

Project Title*

Character Limit: 100

Grade Level*

Select all that apply.

Choices

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6
- Grade 7
- Grade 8

Is this project designed for Special Education?*

Choices

- Yes
- No

Is this a one-time or multi-use project?*

Choices

- One-time
- Multi-use

How many students will be impacted this school year?*

Character Limit: 250

Including yourself, how many teachers will be implementing this project?*

Character Limit: 250

Primary Academic Area*

Choices

- Art/Music/Drama
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Reading/Literacy
- Science
- Social Studies
- Student Success
- Technology
- Other

Is this project designed to be Interdisciplinary?*

Choices

- Yes

Application Preview

No

Additional Academic Content Areas

Select any additional academic content areas that apply.

Choices

- Art/Music/Drama
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Reading/Literacy
- Science
- Social Studies
- Student Success
- Technology
- Other

Project Summary*

Please provide a 1 or 2 sentence high level view of your project. This brief description may be utilized for publications regarding grant awards.

Character Limit: 250

Describe project including activities in which the students will participate.*

Character Limit: 1000

Describe learning objectives and expected outcomes of the project.*

Character Limit: 1000

Describe your intended method of measuring the project's success.*

Character Limit: 1000

Describe what makes this project unique and creative.*

Character Limit: 1000

Describe the project's timeline, including start and completion dates.*

Character Limit: 1000

BUDGET

Project Budget*

What is the total amount of your request?

Character Limit: 20

Budget (Upload)*

Complete the Budget Worksheet, save it as a PDF and upload it here. Additional spaces are provided below if you desire to include additional documents to support the costs. All uploads must be in PDF format.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Quotes or Materials

Please provide a brief description of the item(s) you are uploading. If you have multiple items to upload, please merge them and upload them as one file or upload them individually in the provided spaces. All uploads must be in PDF format.

Character Limit: 1000 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Quotes or Materials 2

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Quotes or Materials 3

File Size Limit: 3 MB

PRESS & MEDIA RELEASE**Press & Media Release***

If selected to receive grant funding, I authorize Unity Foundation of La Porte County to use my name, likeness, and project related information in any media form and type of publication, including newsletters and annual reports.

Choices

Yes

No

ADMINISTRATOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**School Administrator/Principal Name***

Character Limit: 250

Administrator Acknowledgement*

I certify that I have informed my school administrator/principal of my proposed project and application, and he or she approves.

Choices

Yes

No

CERTIFICATION & INFORMATION

Certification*

I certify that I will use any grant funds awarded as I have outlined in this application, and that I will return any unspent funds to the Unity Foundation of La Porte County at the conclusion of this school year.

Choices

Yes

No

SMALL GRANTS ARE INTENDED TO TURN GOOD IDEAS INTO GOOD TEACHING!

You may review your grant application, even after it is submitted, up until the deadline by logging into this site. If you want to make changes to your application once it has been submitted, please contact us prior to the deadline. If your contact information changes, it is important to update it here via the Profile feature (in the upper right corner of the screen when logged in).

Please visit our website at www.ulfc.net and Like our Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Home Team of La Porte County, and Love our Lakes Facebook pages to stay up to date regarding Unity activities and grant deadlines.

Application Preview