



Guidelines for EFW Grant Applications

Did you know that in the past five years 65% of grants submitted to the Education Foundation of Wauwatosa received funding?

Thank you for teaching the children of Wauwatosa! Also – thank you for taking the time to read through the application process for a grant from the Education Foundation of Wauwatosa.

What is the mission of the Education Foundation of Wauwatosa? The Education Foundation of Wauwatosa, Inc. (EFW) was organized in 1990 to generate financial resources with the purpose of maximizing the potential of the Wauwatosa Public Schools and its students. The funds raised will promote excellence, innovation and opportunities in Wauwatosa's public schools by awarding money in a competitive grant process for educational initiatives which best prepare students for a successful future.

Who can apply for EFW grants? All Wauwatosa teachers and staff! Staff members may apply as an individual teacher or administrator, members of a department, employees of a specific school, or another collaborative group. Staff members who apply as a collaborative group must work together in a school program or a curricular area implementing new instructional strategies, which will improve the educational quality for Wauwatosa students.

What kinds of projects can be funded? All projects utilizing innovative approaches to teaching and learning to Wauwatosa students will be considered. Projects may strengthen and improve the instruction in an individual classroom, an entire grade level, department or program, or even be collaborative with multiple schools.

Generally, the EFW will not fund the same grant twice, although subsequent expansion of the project might be considered. If your grant is based on a previously awarded grant, you will be asked to explain how your grant will be adapted and enhanced to fit your specific situation.

Who needs to sign off on a grant before it is submitted?

- Single School Grants – Need Principal Signature
- Multiple School Grants – Need All Principals' Signatures

In addition to principal signatures:

- All grants utilizing any technology – Need District Technology Coordinator Signature
- All grants requesting books – Need Library Coordinator Signature
- All grants requesting Equipment Requiring Installation – Need Buildings and Grounds Signature

How much can I/we ask for? While there are no specific dollar limits, past grants have been awarded anywhere between \$200 and \$25,000. We encourage you to look at the EFW website to learn more about past grant winners. The amount awarded in a given year will be based in part on the funds available and the potential impact of the project. Grant requests should not supplant any currently funded programs.

What are the criteria used to evaluate the grant proposals?

Innovation:

- **Description:** The application must reflect a coherent and well thought out plan with clear educational goals and specific learning objectives.
- **Initiative:** The project should demonstrate innovation in curriculum or delivery of instruction.
- **Enrichment:** The project should fill a gap or need in student learning that currently exists.

Excellence

- **Instructional Procedures:** Lesson plans demonstrating how items will be incorporated into the daily classroom must be provided.
- **Assessment:** Assessments for quantifying success of the proposed enrichment should be included.

Opportunities

- **Potential Impact:** The project scope – both in number and variety of students, will be considered.
- **Timeline and Itemized Material List:** The timeline for project implementation should be well thought out and documented; Cost and specific vendor for requested items should be included.

When should I/we apply? Grant applications may be submitted at any time by U.S. mail, district interoffice mail or email. Electronic application available on-line at www.tosaefw.org. The deadline for submission is February 5, 2018. Applications will be evaluated in March and awarded shortly thereafter.

Where do I/we send the completed grant application? (Choose one.)

Printed form (in a sealed envelope):

Education Foundation of Wauwatosa
Attn: Kristin Flierl
PO Box 13022
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

OR

Attn: Kristin Flierl
Fisher Building
12121 W. North Avenue
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Where can I/we find additional information? To obtain more information about the foundation or its grant priorities, contact Kristin Flierl at kristin@tosaefw.org. Also, we encourage you to reach out to previous grant winners