

GNSF Academic Mini-Grant Application

Grant Application Due Date for Early Consideration:

Grant Application Final Due Date:

Late applications will not be accepted

Grants may be submitted by any individual who is employed by the Grinnell-Newburg School District or by Task Forces that are working under the direction of the G-N school district.

All grant applications must be approved by a building or district administrator. The GNSF Board will confirm the approval of any online application.

Grant proposals for Bailey Park and Fairview should either be for an entire grade level at both buildings or should include an explanation of why the grant is only for one building (i.e. the other building wasn't interested in participating).

Grant proposals should have student learning and success as the central goal and all proposals must align with the district Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and Building Goals.

Priority will be given to those proposals that are innovative and collaborative with evidence that the proposal has the potential for improving student learning and success.

If funding allows, applications for basic curricular needs will be considered.

GNSF Academic Mini-Grants award up to \$1,000 per applicant and up to a maximum of \$5,000 for collaborative proposals. Higher dollar amounts will be considered based upon the number of schools/students impacted by the proposal.

GNSF will consider augmenting (50-50 match) funding provided by the G-N District for conferences during the research year of the curriculum cycle, or for the cost of bringing in a presenter.

GNSF will consider proposals that include professional development costs in order to meet identified student needs including the following: cost of substitutes, registration, presenters, and costs associated with travel such as lodging, meals, and materials according to state guidelines.

Recipients should make clear in their application what means of evaluation they intend to use to measure the impact the grant has on student achievement.

Reports on the outcomes of the grant monies will be due after the end period of the grant.

Depending upon the length of the project and assessment methods, an interim report may be requested. Because GNSF hopes that these grants will spark innovation, and because innovation is not always immediately successful, we realize that not all projects will show immediate results. We hope to use the information from the outcome reports to improve our

selection process and your success.

GNSF will report to the school district and the public after each funding cycle about the impact of its grants. These reports will use the text provided by the teachers in their grant applications.

Grant proposals are reviewed by the GNSF Mini-Grant committee, and recommendations are made to the full GNSF Board for their final approval.

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Hansen, GNSF Executive Director, by phone at (641) 990-8166, or by email at gnsfexecutivedirector@gmail.com.

* Required

1. Email *



GNSF Mini-Grant Cover Page

2. Food Accessibility *

3. 9/30/2020 *

4. Applicant's Name & Title *

5. Applicant's School: *

6. Approximate Number of Students Impacted *

7. Amount Requested: *

8. Electronic Signature of the Technology Director (if applicable) and the Building Administrator (required): *

GNSF Mini-Grant Narrative

9. Please describe the grant objective. *

10. Please explain the expected educational benefits to the students. Is there a standard or benchmark that connects with this grant? Is the grant consistent with the existing curriculum in grades below and/or above? *

11. Is your grant supported by research-based best practices? How so? If it is not research-based, describe other benefits the grant might yield for students. *

12. Please describe how the grant will be evaluated. *

13. What is the life expectancy of this grant and/or materials? *

GNSF Mini-Grant Budget Worksheet

If a question is not applicable to your grant, please mark N/A in the field.

14. Budget Item Notes: 1) Please explain individual line items in the box below and how they fit into your grant. 2) List cost per item, quantity and total item cost. Add a new line in the box below for each budget item you are requesting from GNSF. (You can also create a budget spreadsheet and email it to GNSFexecutivedirector@gmail.com to be included with your grant proposal.) *

15. Other Potential Funding Sources Notes: 1) Please explain individual potential funding sources in the box below. 2) List the source, amount requested, whether it is approved or pending, and when you expect a decision to be made. Add a new line in the box below for each potential funding source. (You can also create a potential funding source spreadsheet with the items listed previously and email it to GNSFexecutivedirector@gmail.com to be included with your grant proposal.) *

16. Total Amount Requested from the GNSF Mini-Grant Program *

**GNSF Mini-
Grant Scoring
Rubric- 100
Points Total**

1. The proposal is supported by a district administrator and/or technology director and aligns with CSIP and Building goals. (Cover Sheet)
2. The need for the grant is clear, convincing and research-based and the grant is likely to have a significant impact on student success. (25 points - Questions 1 & 4)
3. The grant demonstrates seamless transition with the curriculum in grades above and below. (10 points - Question 3)
4. The grant is innovative and represents a new idea or significant further development of an existing project or program and is clearly an enhancement to the district, rather than a core function or program. (20 points - Question 2)
5. The evaluation plan is clearly described and is appropriate to the grant. (15 points - Question 5)
6. The grant is a collaborative effort. (10 points - Question 2)
7. The budget is realistic. (15 points - Budget Section)
8. The grant is sustainable and has potential for continuation beyond the life of the grant (5 points - Question 6).

**Thank
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