

Blackhawk Foundation

Turn Great Ideas into Mini-Grants For Enhancing Education

*****Fact Sheet*****

What Is the Blackhawk Foundation?

The Blackhawk Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) tax-exempt corporation operating independently under its own board of directors. It is a separate entity from the School District but retains a cooperative relationship.

What Is the Organization's Mission?

To develop, promote and finance educational programs, activities and projects for the Blackhawk School District.

Why Was The Foundation Established?

To provide funds beyond the school district's normal operating budget for programs and activities that will enhance learning opportunities for students and for teachers to explore ways of expanding their students' world of learning. The Foundation also will serve as a trustee for various memorial funds that are or may be established in the future, providing scholarship opportunities for students.

What Does the Mini-Grant Program Offer Blackhawk's Teachers?

The opportunity for teachers with initiative and imagination to receive funding necessary to create, plan and execute projects for their students and the community inside or outside of the classroom.

Where Will the Foundation's Funding Come From?

The funding for awards may come from federal & state sources, staff payroll deduction, local corporations, alumni, Foundation fundraisers i.e., golf outing, triathlon and other foundations that support education-based programs.

How May I Become Eligible and Participate in the Mini-Grant Program?

As an educator at Blackhawk, you are eligible. You may participate by completing the application.

Thank you for your Dedication to Education!

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Mini Grant Application Procedure and Evaluation Criteria

What is the Maximum Amount Available as a Mini-Grant?

Maximum amount for each application is \$500. If application covers multiple classrooms the application could exceed \$500 but will be subject to committee approval.

When May I Apply?

The Foundation's application period for the 2016-2017 school term will be from February 23 – April 1, 2016.

What is the Application Process?

- Initiate the Application Process by Accessing the Foundation's Web-Site:

www.blackhawkfoundation.net

- Select "Grant Application" and click.
- Select "Grant Application – MS Word Format" and Click.
- Select "Open"
- Complete the Application in Typed Form.
- Save and Print the Completed Document.
- Submit the completed application to the building Principal.
- The Principal will forward the application to the Executive Director (Jack Fullen) of Blackhawk Foundation.
- The Education Committee will e-mail the staff member that the grant request was received.
- If the staff member has not received an acknowledgement by April 1, 2016, the Executive Director (Jack Fullen) should be notified.

What are the Criteria Requirements for a Mini Grant?

- All projects must have a teacher or group of teachers as a sponsor.
- All projects must enhance the student's curriculum.
- Projects can have community involvement or participation.
- All project applications require a start and completion time line schedule.
- All project applications require a funding time requirement. (First, Second, or Summer semesters)
- All project applications require an estimate of the number of students involved.
- All project applications require a final evaluation.
- **Note: Grants will be limited to projects that will not purchase durable goods such as electronic technology equipment.**

Why Should I Participate?

We believe that answer is two-fold.

The first reason is you care about your students, your subject matter and your ability to be a creative and innovative teacher.

The second reason is you believe in the value of the Foundation, which holds tremendous potential for everyone involved in the Blackhawk Educational System. Your participation in this process is beneficial to everyone involved.

Essentially, we are working for you. Help us move the Foundation forward.