

Mini-Grant Program Overview

The Nelson County Education Endowment Fund, Inc.



MISSION AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the Nelson County Education Endowment Fund (NCEEF) is to provide a vehicle for fostering business and community support for the Nelson County Public Schools. NCEEF's goal is to enhance educational opportunities by promoting a high level of awareness, community-school-business partnerships and fundraising.

GRANT MAKING

The Nelson County Education Endowment Fund's Annual Fundraising Drive provides a portion of the funding necessary for the Mini-Grant Program. This Annual Drive raises money through private, corporate, and community donations. The remaining funds needed come through the use of NCEEF's Charitable Gaming License. NCEEF collects 5% of the proceeds from various Charitable Gaming activities, and after expenses, that money is allocated for the Mini-Grant program.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

NCEEF awards grants to staff members in the Nelson County Public School District. Teachers, athletic and other teams, and parent-teacher-student organizations are encouraged to apply.

WHAT DOES NCEEF LOOK FOR IN A GRANT?

- Projects that are an extension of the Education Program/Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and Core Curriculum for the Nelson County School District.
- Projects that demonstrate a clear and convincing need and target gaps in available programs.
- Projects that include a long term financial plan for renewal.
- Projects that have clear, defined goals and measurable outcomes.
- Projects that will impact the greatest number of students immediately and for years to come.

While NCEEF tries to remain flexible in addressing the needs of the School System, grants are not made for travel expenses, food items, individual Teacher's classroom supplies, or projects that are not related to or fall outside of the Nelson County Public School System.

APPLICATION PROCESS



The application consists of four pages, including a grant budget form. The budget should detail how the money will be spent. Grants up to \$5,000 are awarded. If the application is not attached to this form, contact Vivian Fleenor, Executive Director, at 349-7000. Completed applications must be typed or neatly hand written. The completed application must be signed by the Project Sponsor, the school Principal, and delivered to the Nelson County Education Endowment Fund, Attn: Vivian Fleenor, 288 Wildcat Lane, Bardstown, KY 40004.

APPLICATION CALENDAR

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| Grant Application Deadline | April 15, 2011 4:00pm |
| Award Notification | May 20, 2011 |
| Grant Money Available | August 1, 2011 |

GRANT DECISIONS

Grant Decisions are made through a competitive review process involving an NCEEF Mission and Focus Advisory Committee. Completing an application is not a guarantee for funding. The Committee evaluates all applications received by the deadline. The Committee's recommendations are sent to the NCEEF Board of Directors for final approval.

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

The Nelson County Education Endowment Fund will work with any Staff Member of the Nelson County Public Schools to assist in applying for a Mini-Grant. Any questions about the Application Process should be directed to Vivian Fleenor at 349-7000.