Build Your Knowledge With A Staff Development Grant

Former Superintendent Dr. Knox believed that “staff development is an investment, not a cost.” The Carl Knox Endowment Association was founded in the 1980’s to honor Dr. Knox and to provide opportunities for staff development. This organization evolved into the Lawrence Schools Foundation, which has continued the tradition of awarding grants to educators each year at the Foundation Follies.

The foundation will present (2) $500 grants each year!

Grants may fund professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research, mentoring experiences or lesson study. Professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement, and recipients must put professional leadership into practice by sharing what they learn with their colleagues.

Timelines and Deadlines
The deadline to apply for Foundation grants will be on February 1 and September 1 by 5:00 PM to Dena Johnston, Executive Director, Lawrence Schools Foundation, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.

For additional questions please contact:
Lawrence Schools Foundation
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Lawrence, KS 66044
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Please complete this cover sheet as the first page of your application. No cover letters, please. The deadline to apply for Foundation grants will be on February 1 and September 1 by 5:00 PM to Dena Johnston, Executive Director, Lawrence Schools Foundation, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Name of applicant(s): _____________________________________________
Position/Title: _____________________________________________
School or building: _____________________________________________
Title of project/program: _____________________________________________
Grade level(s) served: _____________________________________________
Number of students served: _____________________________________________

Amount requested: _____________________________
Have you applied for a Lawrence Schools Foundation Grant before? ______ If so, when: ______
What type of grant did you apply for? _____________________________________________
IT Department Approval/Endorsement: _____________________________________________
School Administrator's Endorsement: _____________________________________________
District Administrator’s Endorsement: _____________________________________________
District Administrator to answer the following:
1. How does the district plan to support and sustain this program/project in the future if funded?

2. Explain how the project could continue once the grant funds have been expended.

Print this page for the administrator's signature and mail to the Lawrence Schools Foundation. (The school & district administrators signature verifies that the administrator supports the proposal and, if awarded, the implementation of the project or program in the school and/or district.)
II. Please answer the following questions. Please limit your total proposal to four (4) pages, excluding the cover sheet.

A. Project Description  
Describe the project/program, including the activities and/or instructional materials that will accompany. Please include references and/or copies of items researched.

B. Goals and Purpose  
Clearly articulate the program/project's purpose and goals.

C. Student Achievement  
Explain how this will enhance student achievement.

D. Evaluation  
Explain how you will measure the success.

E. Replication  
Explain how other educators could replicate this project, and how you plan to share the project (materials, equipment, and information) with others in the district. If you are aware that this project has been implemented at another school in the district, please indicate if you have consulted with the staff at the other schools about their experience with the project.

F. Funding Resources  
Explain the availability of other funding resources for this project, such as PTO, matching funds, or in-kind contributions. Have you consulted with your school principal or district to verify funding resources prior to applying for this grant? Explain

G. Budget  
Include an itemized listing of expenditures, including total expected cost.