Professional Development Grant Application

Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Mission: Education Minnesota’s Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning: promoting vision, best practice and achievement

Professional Development Grants for Individual Members

Professional Development Grants are intended to provide education support professionals (ESPs*), higher education faculty of colleges and universities, and teachers with opportunities to take the lead in acquiring and sharing new skills and knowledge. These skills might include new instructional tactics, use of technology or working with parents. Applicants may request a grant to acquire these skills and share what you learn with your colleagues.

For higher education faculty applicants, it is suggested that faculty seek in-kind funds to help finance the venture. Recipients of the higher education faculty grant must pay for all grant expenses out-of-pocket, and then submit receipts to the Education Minnesota Foundation for reimbursement.

ESPs and teachers may request up to $1,500, and higher education faculty may request up to $3,000.

Professional Development Grants for Groups of Members

In addition to Professional Development Grants for individual members, the Education Minnesota Foundation also offers applicants the opportunity to submit a Professional Development Grant application for a group of members to either attend professional development or be trained at their worksite. All members named in the group application must fulfill the individual eligibility requirements to be eligible for the group application. Professional Development Grant applications for a group of members have a maximum funding request of $1,500 per person. Group applications may be for up to 2-6 members, and members do not need to be from the same local union or district in order to be funded. Members looking to apply for a Professional Development grant for groups should designate one group member to be the group lead, and the group lead should collect all required information listed on the application for the other group members.

The Education Minnesota Foundation Board will not fund retroactive learning opportunities that have passed by the date grants will be awarded by, which is listed below.

Professional Development Grants will be awarded twice per school year.

Deadlines: 4 p.m., November 1, 2019 4 p.m., April 3, 2020
Grants awarded by: January 2020 June 2020
Funds to be spent by: September 2020 February 2021

Signed and scanned applications in .pdf format can be emailed to foundation@edmn.org. Applicants may also apply online at: www.edmnfoundation.org. All applications are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation—teachers and education support professionals who are members of Education Minnesota.

* ESPs include classroom paraprofessionals, clerical staff, bus drivers, etc. who are members of Education Minnesota ESP bargaining units.
Questions to ask yourself before beginning the application process

Classroom and Education Support Professionals Professional Development

• Am I an active member of Education Minnesota?
• Will the professional development I am seeking help me improve my job performance?
• Will I be able to participate in the professional development opportunity and share what I learn with my colleagues?

Higher Education Faculty Professional Development

• Am I an active member of Education Minnesota?
• Do I have a reasonable expectation of being in a position to manage a project during the next school year?
• Do I have information that leads me to believe that the project I am considering will improve student achievement?
• Does my project idea address the needs of diverse or students at risk of failure?
• Do I have partners with whom I can plan and implement this project?
• Am I willing to share what I learn from this project with other educators?

If you answered “yes” to these questions and you did not request reimbursement of the $5 assessment to the Foundation, you should feel confident that the Foundation will give your project serious consideration.

Note for applicants from the Education Minnesota Foundation Board

The Education Minnesota Foundation Board cannot fund applications that request stipends for members’ time. Stipends for outside services may be funded. If you have questions about this, please contact Dayonna Knutson at dayonna.knutson@edmn.org.
Professional Development Grant Application: Individual* Data Sheet

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE DATA SHEET AND ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE GRANT BELOW.

*If you are applying for a Professional Development Grant for a group of members, please fill out the data sheet on the following pages.

I am applying for a(n):

☐ Classroom Professional Development Grant
☐ ESP Professional Development Grant
☐ HEF Professional Development Grant

Applicant name: ____________________________________________________________

Project title: ____________________________________________________________

Total amount requested: $ ________________________________________________

Applicant’s job title/assignment: __________________________________________

Home address, city, state, ZIP: ____________________________________________

Mobile phone: ___________________________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________________________________________

Local union: _____________________________________________________________

Worksite: ________________________________________________________________

Worksite address, city, state, ZIP: __________________________________________

Work phone: _____________________________________________________________

CONTINUED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES (SKIP GROUP DATA SHEET IF YOU COMPLETED THE INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET)
Professional Development Grant Application: Group Data Sheet

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE DATA SHEET AND ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE GRANT BELOW.

I am applying for a(n):

☐ Classroom Professional Development Grant
☐ ESP Professional Development Grant
☐ HEF Professional Development Grant

Group lead applicant name: ____________________________________________________________

Project title: _____________________________________________________________________

Total amount requested: $ _____________________________________________________________________

Applicant’s job title/assignment: ________________________________________________________

Home address, city, state, ZIP: _____________________________________________________________________

Mobile phone: ___________________________________________________________________________

Email address: __________________________________________________________________________

Local union: ___________________________________________________________________________

Worksite: _______________________________________________________________________________

Worksite address, city, state, ZIP: _____________________________________________________________________

Work phone: ____________________________________________________________________________
Group member 1 applicant name: ____________________________________________

Total amount requested: $ ________________________________________________

Applicant’s job title/assignment: __________________________________________

Home address, city, state, ZIP: ____________________________________________

Mobile phone: ___________________________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________________________________________

Local union: _____________________________________________________________

Worksite: _______________________________________________________________

Worksite address, city, state, ZIP: __________________________________________

Work phone: _____________________________________________________________

Group member 2 applicant name: ____________________________________________

Total amount requested: $ ________________________________________________

Applicant’s job title/assignment: __________________________________________

Home address, city, state, ZIP: ____________________________________________

Mobile phone: ___________________________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________________________________________

Local union: _____________________________________________________________

Worksite: _______________________________________________________________

Worksite address, city, state, ZIP: __________________________________________

Work phone: _____________________________________________________________
Group member 5 applicant name: 

Total amount requested: $ 

Applicant’s job title/assignment: 

Home address, city, state, ZIP: 

Mobile phone: 

Email address: 

Local union: 

Worksite: 

Worksite address, city, state, ZIP: 

Work phone: 
The Education Minnesota Foundation will only fund proposals that are the original work of the person submitting the grant request. Applicants are not permitted to submit the work of anyone else as their own. My signature below indicates that I am the author of this proposal and I have properly attributed authorship to the extent I have based this proposal on the work of others.

Signature: ____________________________________________

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE DUE DATE.

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Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103-2196
foundation@edmn.org – 800-652-9073

Apply online at: www.edmnfoundation.org

Note: Please expect a confirmation email within one week of submitting your application. If you do not hear back from the Foundation with a confirmation that your application was received, please contact Sam Jasenosky at sam.jasenosky@edmn.org or 651-292-4869.

YOUR LOCAL/AFFILIATE PRESIDENT SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Local/affiliate or MSCF/UEA organization: ______________________________________________

Local/affiliate or MSCF/UEA president’s name (please print): ______________________________________

President’s email: ________________________________________________________________

My signature below indicates that I am aware of this application and should this project be awarded grant funds, the local agrees to support the member. My signature also certifies that the applicant is an Education Minnesota member holding active membership status, and the local affiliate will act as fiscal agent for grant funds.

Signature of president: ________________________________________________________________

Date: ________________________________________________________________________
Professional Development Grant Application: Individual Narrative

APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS.

Please use double spacing, Times New Roman 12-point type on single-sided paper. Be sure to number and label your responses, and limit your narrative length to four pages or fewer.

1. One-paragraph summary
Write a one-paragraph summary of your proposal and what you expect to accomplish.

2. Skills and knowledge
Professional Development Grants are given to help you improve your on-the-job skills and knowledge.
   a. What skills and knowledge do you want to acquire?
   b. How will increased skills and knowledge in this area help improve your work environment?

3. Learning opportunity
Professional Development Grants provide funds to assist members of Education Minnesota. Examples of Foundation-funded opportunities include attending conferences, workshops and seminars, accessing coaching experiences, and language study related to your curriculum.
   a. Describe the learning opportunity you wish to pursue.
   b. Explain why you think it will meet your needs.
   c. Provide details of the learning opportunity—where and when will the learning take place?

4. Impact
Professional Development Grants are intended to have an impact on you, your colleagues, and students.
   a. Predict how your new skills and knowledge will impact your work environment.
   b. Predict how your new skills and knowledge will impact your job.

5. Budget
In a chart or table, list your budget expense items (e.g., conference registration, speaker fee, necessary materials) and the amount requested for each item. If your budget reflects a total amount over the maximum funding amount, please include in-kind or matching donations to help the board understand how the rest of your request will be funded.

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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR GROUP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NARRATIVE QUESTIONS
Professional Development Grant Application: Group Narrative

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1. One-paragraph summary
Write a one-paragraph summary of your proposal and what you expect to accomplish.

2. Skills and knowledge
Group Professional Development Grants provide funds to assist members of Education Minnesota. Examples of Foundation-funded opportunities include attending conferences, workshops and seminars, accessing coaching experiences, and language study related to your curriculum.
   a. What skills and knowledge does your group want to acquire?
   b. How will increased skills and knowledge in this area help improve your work environment(s)?

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   a. Predict how your new skills and knowledge will impact your work environment.
   b. Predict how your new skills and knowledge will impact your job.
   c. What is your plan for disseminating the skills or knowledge within your local(s)?

5. Budget
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Your application will be reviewed only when it is considered “complete”—that is, all questions are answered, all documents mentioned above are attached, and a completed and signed data sheet is received. If all items are not received, your application will not be reviewed by the Foundation Board of Trustees.

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