

**MIFFLIN COUNTY EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
(MCESF)
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

2009-2010 EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

Purpose. To financially support innovative programs designed to increase learning opportunities, to improve learning outcomes, and to increase expectations for performance by educators and students.

Eligibility. Applications are welcome from individuals, small groups, and schools within Mifflin County and from related agencies. The applicant must hold a regular, full-time appointment as a teacher, principal, or agency director.

General Guidelines. MCESF encourages creative and experimental projects that a) would not be regularly funded within a regular school or agency budget, and b) would directly relate to the following goals:

1. Development of School-to-Career Opportunities

This goal envisions activities directly linking the classroom to the workplace including programs that provide awareness of workplace characteristics, facilitate career explorations, assist career decisions, emphasize applied academics, deliver integrated academics, and promote joint venture between educators and local employers.

2. Betterment of School/Community Relationships

This goal envisions activities that improve the learning environment within a school or schools, increase parental involvement in the learning process, facilitates interactions among schools and local employers, promotes the schools as an integral part of neighborhoods and the community in general, and facilitates students involvement in existing successful community programs.

3. Improvement of PSSA Test Scores (Pennsylvania System of School Assessments)

This goal envisions activities that improve local test scores in the areas of reading, math, and writing, which can result in financial and other incentives for schools.

4. Enhance the use of Technology in the Learning Process

This goal envisions activities that enhance the integration of technology into the learning process with particular attention to technology used by local employers.

Applicants should consider submitting a project that allows them to explore new areas as well as to develop ongoing interests. Projects will be judged on the degree to which they plan to achieve any or all of the following results:

1. direct involvement of a significant number of students;
2. demonstration of links between school courses and employment skills;
3. involvement of more than one school subject or curriculum area;
4. development of life skills;
5. development of interpersonal skills;
6. interface with a workplace or use of workplace technology, such as computers;
7. parental involvement.

Projects may be started anytime during the school year, but must be completed no later than May 14, 2010.

Grant funds will be used to pay the costs associated with the project. Expenditures may include costs for released time, consultants and/or guest lecturers, travel to professional meetings or research sites, books, subscriptions, duplicating, and postage. Projects may not include expenses for equipment, such as computers, but may include the purchase of software and computer upgrades where such are pertinent to the project.

Project Categories. Projects may be submitted in one of three categories. The amounts in parentheses represent the range of awards in each category.

1. Individual (up to \$500), for individuals from any school/agency
2. Team (up to \$1000), for small groups within a single school/agency
3. School/Agency (up to \$3000)

Application Procedure. **Proposals must be sent as an e-mail attachment**, along with a covering e-mail, to jeffgum@verizon.net. The following reference data should be submitted at the start of the proposal:

- a. Project title.
- b. Beginning and endings dates.
- c. Name of school or agency.
- d. Name, title, school address, and school phone number of individual responsible for the project;
- e. A statement representing that this proposal has been read and approved by the principal of the school.

The proposal must then include a narrative and a budget. The narrative should describe the project, explain which goal is being served, and how the project will cover the evaluation criteria. The budget should specify the total amount being requested as well as line item costs for eligible expenditures.

All proposals will be reviewed/approved by the Incentives Committee.

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APPLICATION - COVER SHEET**

Project Title _____

Beginning Date _____ Completion Date _____

Building/Agency

Department/Teaching Area(s) _____

Grade Level(s) Pre-School ___ K-2 ___ 3-5 ___ 6-8 ___ 9-12 ___ Adult Ed ___

Project Leaders(s)/Organizer(s)

Name _____ Home Address _____

Telephone _____ Position _____ School/Agency _____

Name _____ Home Address _____

Telephone _____ Position _____ School/Agency _____

Name _____ Home Address _____

Telephone _____ Position _____ School/Agency _____

Signature(s) Project Leader(s)

_____ Date _____

Signature of Building Principal/Agency Director

_____ Date _____