

The SEE Fund Grant Application

The Fund For Sustaining Educational Excellence At Mt. Greylock Regional School District
2006

Our Mission

The SEE Fund is an endowment fund whose mission is to sustain educational excellence by providing financial support for superior educational initiatives at Mt. Greylock Regional School. The Fund seeks to support the school's efforts to:

Provide students with challenging, engaging curriculum,
Enhance the love of learning,
Promote responsible citizenship and
Stimulate intellectual and creative endeavors.

The SEE Fund will support proposals that advance its mission.

In order to implement these aims, the Board of Governors of the SEE Fund is soliciting proposals for such initiatives. All proposals must be received at the Superintendent's Office by May 1 to be considered for funding for the following academic year.

Who can request funds?

The SEE Fund accepts applications from anyone in the Mt. Greylock community: students, teachers, administrators, and parents, as well as others interested in educational excellence. Examples of successful proposals might be ones that:

Inject new perspectives into the educational community
Add special equipment for teaching and learning
Strengthen or extend educational resources to improve learning
Assist faculty to expand their expertise

Nondiscrimination

The SEE Fund is administered by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Neither the Foundation nor the Board of Governors of the SEE Fund will support organizations which in their constitution, by-laws, or practice, discriminate against a person or group on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief.

Grant Request Information and Guidelines

- A. We seek proposals from visionary students, teachers, administrators, parents and members of the community. The proposals should seek to either increase or sustain educational excellence while supporting the mission and core values of Mount Greylock.
- B. Applications will be reviewed and grants awarded by the SEE Fund Board of Governors.
- C. Grants awarded will generally range from \$100 to \$2,500, although requests for larger amounts will be considered. Grants may be contingent on matching funds from other sources if this will help the proposed initiative succeed.

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- D. Multiple year funding will be considered, where appropriate.
- E. Grant recipients will be expected to provide the Board with a written evaluation of the initiative when it is under way or when it is completed and a testimonial statement to be used for publicizing the SEE Fund mission.
- F. There should be a connection between the goal of the applicant's initiative and the current program at Mt. Greylock. Applicants who are not faculty, staff or students of Mt. Greylock are encouraged to speak with a Mt. Greylock faculty or administration member prior to submitting the application in order to obtain support for the proposed initiative. Initiatives from students must have an administration or faculty sponsor.
- G. Applicants must get support from the Mt. Greylock administration for the initiative if it will have on-going costs after funding ends.
- H. Selection criteria will include extent of impact, relevance to the school program, feasibility, fulfillment of unmet need, and cost effectiveness.
- I. SEE Fund awards shall be consistent with limitations that apply to organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- J. For more information about the SEE Fund or about the grant making process, please call the Office of the Superintendent of Mt. Greylock Regional School District at 413-458-9582. Ext. 149. Your call will be returned by a SEE Fund representative.

Each grant proposal should contain the following information:

1. Title of initiative.
2. Amount of grant requested.
3. Name(s) of applicant(s).
4. Address, phone numbers, and e-mail (if any) of applicant(s).
5. Relationship of applicant(s) to Mt. Greylock (e.g. student, teacher, or parent).
6. Summary paragraph of initiative.
7. Intended outcomes that Mt. Greylock can expect as a result of funding.
8. How applicant intends to accomplish his/her/their objectives.
9. Brief description of how the initiative will improve or sustain educational excellence while supporting the mission and core values at Mt. Greylock.
10. Type(s) of support received from Mt. Greylock faculty and administration.
11. Name of administration or faculty member(s) supporting the initiative (for applicants who are not faculty, staff or students of Mt. Greylock) or acting as sponsor for the initiative (for applicants who are Mt. Greylock students).
12. Timetable for completion of applicant's initiative.
13. Projected itemized budget for the initiative.
14. All additional sources of financial support for the initiative.
15. Any additional documentation that would help in evaluating the proposal.
16. Date and signatures of applicant(s) and faculty member or administrator, if required.