



# Mini-Grant Application 2022-23

*Deadline: October 24, 2022*

At the Williamsville Education Foundation, Inc., we believe that investing directly in the creativity and commitment of teachers is one of the best ways to improve student learning and achievement. The Foundation’s Mini-Grant Program was introduced in 2001 to help foster and support innovative approaches by teachers that enrich learning opportunities for children.

Since the Mini-Grant Program began, the Foundation has provided nearly \$85,000 to help support a diverse spectrum of educational enrichment activities for Williamsville students. The awards, up to \$500 each, fund worthwhile classroom projects, programs or activities that might otherwise not be possible because of limited school budgets (please see reverse side for a partial list of past awards).

All grant applications are reviewed and considered by a selection committee of the Williamsville Education Foundation Board, which then presents its recommendations to the full board for deliberation and approval. Grants are announced and awarded in January.

We are now accepting proposals from faculty members for the 2022-23 school year. The deadline for submission is OCTOBER 24, 2022.

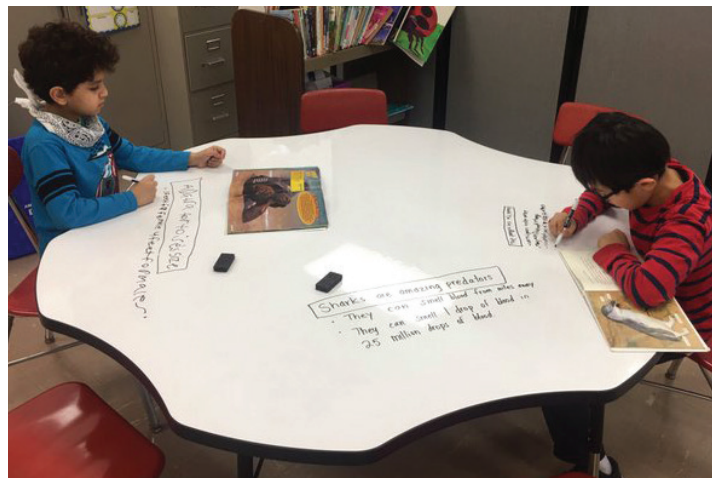
*Maple East ESOL teachers Katie McFarland and Lindsay Toutounji received a Foundation mini-grant to purchase a whiteboard table. Shown, third grade students use the table to work on a writing project.*

Requests for mini-grant funds should include:

- A letter describing the project/item/activity
- Expected outcome and how it relates to curriculum and student learning
- Cost quote and timeline for implementation (Note – the distribution of funds usually takes place in January)
- A copy of this cover sheet with your building principal’s signature and Assistant Superintendent’s signature

The mini-grant application should be addressed to the Williamsville Education Foundation c/o Nick Filipowski at the District Office. You can also e-mail applications to [nfilipowski@willamsvillek12.org](mailto:nfilipowski@willamsvillek12.org). Please include “mini-grant application” in the subject.

Successful applicants will be asked to provide feedback to the WEF Board about how the mini-grant funds affected learning outcomes for students.



APPLICANT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL /DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Williamsville Education Foundation, Inc.

## *Our Mission*

The mission of the Williamsville Education Foundation, Inc. is to gather and administer private resources to enhance the educational activities of the Williamsville Central School District and help ensure that its students receive the highest quality education. Through the use of community resources, we seek to ensure that ALL children attain academic success.

The Williamsville Education Foundation is an independent, volunteer led, 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves the students of Williamsville Central School District.

Williamsville CSD employees have the opportunity to support the Foundation's efforts through a convenient payroll deduction program introduced in 2011. All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible and directly support learning opportunities for students attending our schools. If you are interested in supporting the Foundation's efforts through the payroll deduction program, please call the Human Resources Department at 626-8055.

For more than two decades, the Foundation Mini-Grant Program has supported a diverse scope of projects and activities across the district, impacting every school and grade level. A sample list of funding includes:

- Hand-held microscopes for middle school science
- Portable telescopes for high school astronomy
- Listening station equipment for elementary schools
- LOTE materials and language magazines
- Go Pro camera for FACS program
- Art and Technology education supplies
- Partial funding for guest writer's, musicians, and speakers
- Lego educational materials
- Special programs (e.g. Poetry, Music, Art & Dance Celebration; District Visual Arts Exhibit)



*Mary Beth Tinker, an American Free Speech Activist known for her role in the 1969 Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District Supreme Court case, spoke at Williamsville East High School in May 2019. Social Studies Teacher Tim Redmond was awarded a mini-grant to help defray her travel expenses.*



*A mini-grant from the Williamsville Education Foundation helped fund a visit from professional violinist Robin Fay Massie in early 2019. Ms. Massie, from the Washington, DC area, worked with string orchestra students at Williamsville South and Mill Middle and, according to orchestra teacher Amie Vredenburg, gave students a truly unforgettable experience through her high energy musicianship.*



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