

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

The SEE Fund Grant Application

The Fund for Sustaining Educational Excellence at Mt. Greylock Regional School District

SEE Fund 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 2007, the amount available for funding will be \$13,500. 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. Multiple year funding will be considered, where appropriate.

Eligibility – Who can request funds?

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.

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

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.

Review Criteria

The review criteria are:

- extent of impact
- relevance to the school program
- feasibility of the project

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- fulfillment of unmet need
- cost-effectiveness

For consideration for the next round of funding, completed proposals must be received by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation by 5 p.m., April 1. Applications will be reviewed by the SEE Fund Board of Governors: their recommendations will be reviewed by Berkshire Taconic's Board of Directors. Applicants will be informed of grant decisions within six weeks of the deadline date.

About the Fund

The SEE Fund is a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Berkshire Taconic is a nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for philanthropy with a goal of improving the quality of life in Berkshire, Columbia, northeast Dutchess and northwest Litchfield counties. Berkshire Taconic works with donors to maximize their generosity and with nonprofit organizations to help them do the most good possible by providing the tools needed to achieve proficiency and excellence. For more information about the foundation, or to make a contribution to this Fund, contact Berkshire Taconic at 271 Main Street, Suite 3, Great Barrington, MA, 800-969-2823, info@berkshiretaconic.org or visit our website at www.berkshiretaconic.org

For more more information about the SEE Fund or about the grantmaking 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.

Note: There should be a demonstrated 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 administrative or faculty sponsor.

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 Email (if any) of applicant(s).
5. Relationship of applicant(s) to Mt. Greylock (ex. student, teacher, parent, community member, etc.)
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. A 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 administrative 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. Evidence of support from the Mt. Greylock administration for the initiative if it will have ongoing costs after funding ends.
13. Timetable for completion of applicant's initiative.
14. Projected itemized budget for the initiative (see format on Page 4). Note: Preference is given to proposals that request funds for the direct costs of initiatives rather than staff salaries.
15. Verification that any equipment purchased with a SEE Fund grant will remain within the school community.
16. All additional sources of financial support for the initiative.
17. Any additional documentation you feel would help in evaluating the proposal.
18. Date and signatures of applicant(s) and faculty member or administrator, if required.

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.

Grant recipients will be expected to provide the Board with a written evaluation of the initiative when it is under way or completed and a testimonial statement to be used for publicizing the SEE Fund mission.

