



Reach for the Stars Grant Application

The Stars Grants have been a signature project of the Wausau School Foundation and given out over \$500,000 in the last twenty years. This year, these grants are possible thanks to the Clyde F Schlueter Foundation, Conexus Association, UMR, Carpet City, and individual donors.

Grant Applications for Spring Semester 2021 will be accepted starting February 1 through March 15. Projects may request any amount up to \$1,700. Because of the COVID there is no specific deadline. The Foundation hopes to announce winners in February and March.

Reach for the Stars Grant Program Goals

The Foundation seeks innovative and creative projects that address the following goals:

- The proposed project will provide educational opportunities that reach beyond the lesson plan.
- The proposed project will enhance instructional content.
- The proposed project will encourage an active role for the family in student learning when applicable.
- The proposed project will motivate and inspire students and educators.

Criteria for Evaluation of Grant Application by Grants Committee

Grant applications are on a competitive based the following criteria:

- Enrich the educational experience for students
- Project has an innovative/creative component.
- The Project Organizational Plan Objectives are educationally sound.
- The budget is reasonable, complete, and sufficiently detailed to the best extent possible.
- The methods, materials, resource personnel, timeline, and evaluation components are specified.

Questions?

Contact: Paula Clark email to w sdfound@wausauschools.org (office is remote due to COVID so email is the best way to reach us).

**Reach for the Stars Grant Application
Cover Sheet**

Date: _____

Applicant name: _____

Grant Title: _____

Grant Leader: _____ **Staff position** _____

School/Department: _____

Phone: Daytime _____ **Evening** _____

Email: _____

RFTS Grant Amount Request: \$ _____

Additional Team Members: _____

Grant timeline: fall semester spring semester entire school year summer

Check one: New grant proposal
 Further development or replication of existing grant

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- We agree to use the funds granted for the purpose approved by the Wausau School Foundation.
 - We will complete and return the required evaluation report due by June 30, following grant work.
 - We will allow the Wausau School Foundation to use information provided in this proposal or any related photographs or video images for media releases, reports and other public informational uses.
 - The Wausau School District does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

(Required) Signature of Building Administrator _____ Date _____

(Required) Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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SUBMIT TO: Wausau School Foundation - 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, WI 54403
Questions? w sdfound@wausauschools.org

Steps to Apply

- Complete Cover Sheet
 - Part A: In two pages or less – typed / single space, narrative form - answer questions 1 - 4
 - Part B: Complete Project Plan Guide 3A-E (page 4)
 - Complete Projected Budget (page 5)
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- Grants requiring technology equipment,** To guarantee the technology equipment is compatible WSD Technology, contact and obtain cost estimate from District Technology Dept. Contact: Linda C. Ext 21561 / lchristi@wausauschools.org - allow a week for completion of the estimate. Or complete grants first and send estimate once obtained.
- **SUBMIT one signed original and six (copies)**
(No binders, folders or other covers)
 - Email/Fax proposals NOT accepted
 - Incomplete applications cannot be considered

Part A: Grant Narrative (In two pages or less), **typed/single spaced**, include the following:

1. Provide a short description in a few sentences of the project you hope to implement.
2. Target population
 - A. What school(s) will be participating in this project?
 - B. How many teachers/staff will be engaged in this project?
 - C. How many students do you hope to involve?
3. Are families and community members involved in this grant? How?
4. WSF Reach for the Stars Grants mission is to ***Sparking Innovation for Student Success***
 - A. How is the proposal innovative and creative? Enhances learning?
 - B. Does the proposal address content rigor and relevance?
5. Sustainability
 - A. What potential and ideas are there for sustaining this work after the grant has ended?

Part B: Project Plan Guide – Page 4 of application:

Goals / Objectives	Activities (Related to each goal/objective)	Timeline	Person(s) leading grant activity	How will you evaluate progress toward the goal/objective?

Part C: Proposed Budget –

Total Project Budget: \$ _____

Requested Amount from WSF: \$ _____

WSD Technology Estimate Attached Yes No N/A _____

Are you requesting money for this project from another source? Yes No Potential Amount \$ _____

Do you have **committed** funding from another source? Yes No

Is this funding available in your schools' budget? Yes No

Other committed funding source _____ Amount \$ _____

Budget Item	Estimated Cost
<p>Income: Amount you are requesting: Other Income you have for project:</p> <p>Expenses: Personnel Facilities Equipment Supplies Printing/Promotion Other Expenses (please list)</p> <p>If applicable: Contracted Services (describe service and identify provider) Substitute Teacher pay (generally not covered but will consider)</p> <p>Your feedback is important: Please share ideas to improve our application form:</p> <p>TOTAL Project Budget – <i>reflects "Total Budget" at the top of page</i></p>	