



# BEYOND CRAYONS & COMPUTERS GRANT GUIDELINES

Beyond Crayons and Computers Grants, up to **\$1,000**, awarded through the Merrill Area Community Foundation are designed to enhance and reward innovative teaching, learning, and special motivational activities in **Merrill area schools – public and private, grades pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

We are looking for **innovative** and **creative** projects that:

- ✓ Enrich the educational experience
- ✓ Motivate and inspire students, educators and/or the community
- ✓ Fill a specific need
- ✓ Are educational and fun for students
- ✓ Demonstrate a sense of community
- ✓ Are cost-effective.

Proposals should identify the impact the Community Foundation has on the project. Integration of curriculums is encouraged, and joint proposals from teams of teachers in one or more schools are welcome and encouraged. The participation of parents, volunteers, or other members of the community is also encouraged.

Funding is not generally awarded for items the committee feels should be provided for within the school district's budget, including core curriculum items, staff, or transportation. The committee also tends not to fund refreshments, rewards, or incentive programs. Materials and equipment associated with project funding become the property of the school.

**The application deadline is October 1.**

Please note that paper applications are no longer accepted. Teachers are encouraged to apply through the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfoncw.org](http://www.cfoncw.org). Click on the "Apply Now" button to create a new account or logon to begin the application process. Completed applications must be submitted by **October 1** to be considered by the Selection Committee.

If you have any questions in the application process, contact Linda Semling Peterson, Merrill Community Foundation board member, at [lindasempt@aol.com](mailto:lindasempt@aol.com); or the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin office at [info@cfoncw.org](mailto:info@cfoncw.org) or 715.845.9555.

#### **TIME LINE:**

- Online applications are due by **October 1.**
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by **the end of October.**
- Grants will be awarded to recipients in a presentation in **November**; media will be present for photographs.
- Grant recipient submits funding voucher when grant money is needed. Funding is generally forwarded to the district administration office.
- Project funds must be used and a follow-up grant report filed electronically by the **end of the school year in which funding is awarded.**

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