### MEF Student Grant Application

### in collaboration with a MPS educator or staff member

## Guidelines

The Maynard Education Foundation (MEF) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support the public schools in Maynard. MEF aims to fund proposals for innovative ideas that are not typically covered by the district budget.

MEF's Student Grant is a unique opportunity for **students to apply for funding of a student-conceived and student-led projects aimed at improving the Maynard Public Schools (MPS).** Applications must be made **in collaboration with a MPS educator or staff member** who will act as a mentor and assist the student grantee throughout project’s lifecycle.

# Funding

Granted monies may be used to pay for materials, resources, guest speakers, conferences, and learning opportunities. Historically, grants have ranged from $50 to $4500, depending on the scope of the project. Please note that allocated funds must be used within the same funding year (September 1st through April 15th) they were awarded. The grantee’s MPS educator/staff member will work with the student grantee to disperse and manage the funds and **will be responsible for any grant monies.**

## Requirements for Grant Recipients

## MEF grant recipients are expected to:

## Contact MEF if they are unable to complete their project within the funding year.

* Participate in the May “MEF Celebration of Teaching and Learning.”
* Submit a “Project Review Questionnaire” upon completion of the project.
* Provide all receipts to Catherine Murphy, MPS Administrative Assistant.
* Work with the sponsoring school or department to ensure that all materials purchased with grant funds remain the property of the MPS.

# Application Procedures

Applications can be downloaded from the MEF website at [www.maynardeducation.org](file:///C:\Users\Parish%20Office\Downloads\www.maynardeducation.org). Upon completion, the application can be emailed as an attachment to [mefgrants@gmail.com](mailto:mefgrants@gmail.com) or mailed to: MEF, P.O. Box 89, Maynard, MA, 01754.

# Deadline for Applications

MEF accepts applications on a rolling basis and reviews them the second week of each month. Award letters are sent during the third week of the month.

**Student Grant Application**

Application forms can be completed downloaded from: [www.maynardeducation.org](file:///C:\Users\Parish%20Office\Downloads\www.maynardeducation.org).

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| **Student Name:** | **Educator/Staff Name:** |
| **School:**  **Grade:** |  |
| **Home Address:** | **Department:** |
| **Email:** | **Email:** |
| **Telephone:** | **Telephone:** |
| **Have you ever applied for a MEF grant:**  **If yes, please specify the amount awarded:** | |

*Please check if “****yes****.”*

Has the Principal of the applicable school acknowledged this grant request?\*

## Has the Director of Curriculum acknowledged this grant request?\*

If the request includes technology, has the Director of Technology acknowledged this grant request?\*

## An Educator/Staff Member agrees to work with the student on the grant project until its completion and accepts responsibility for managing the grant monies.

**\****Please note that although MEF encourages the approval of the Principal, Curriculum Director, and Director of Technology it reserves the right to award grants based on individual merit.*

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| I accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information on this application. Should my application be funded, **I agree to**: Contact MEF if I am unable to complete the project within the funding year.  * Participate in the May “MEF Celebration of Teaching and Learning.” * Submit a “Project Review Questionnaire” upon completion of the project. * Provide all receipts to Catherine Murphy, MPS Administrative Assistant. * Work with the sponsoring school or department to ensure that all materials purchased with grant funds remain the property of the MPS.  Applicant’s Signature: Date: Note: A signature is assumed if the application is emailed from the student’s own email address. |

## Essay

In one or two pages, please answer the following questions. Provide as much detail or explanation as possible. Attach your essay pages to the application upon submission.

1. Please give a brief (3-4 paragraphs) summary of your idea and **how MEF grant monies can bring your idea to fruition**. Include any collaboration with students, educators, or staff; the length of time intended for the project; and, any other details you deem pertinent.
2. What are the **expected outcomes**? Specifically, what gap or need will be filled by your project?
3. How will you **measure success**? Measurements do not have to be limited to traditional measurements of success, such as grades or surveys, but should explain the impact the project will have on the MPS going forward.

1. Describe why a grant from MEF will help to **promote innovation within your classroom and school**.

## Budget

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| Budget Items | Cost |
| Fees | $ |
| Materials  • One-time use materials (please list):  • Reusable materials (please list): | $ |
| $ |
| Other expenses (please itemize below): | $ |
| Costs associated with sharing results with students, school, and community: | $ |
| **Total** | **$** |

**Project Review Questionnaire**

## *(Please email to:* [mefgrants@gmail.com](mailto:mefgrants@gmail.com) *upon completion of your project.)*

## Name:

## Sponsoring educator/staff member:

## Grant title:

## Amount awarded by MEF: $

1. Did you complete your project as planned?
   1. Yes
   2. No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. It is an ongoing activity.
2. Did you use the full amount of funding allocated to your grant?
   1. Yes
   2. No. Please explain the difference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Please describe one or more highlights from your grant.
4. How has your grant promoted innovation within your classroom and/or school?
5. What outcome(s) have you achieved as a result of your project? These measurements do not have to be limited to traditional methods of success, but should include the impact your project has had on the MPS or the Maynard community at large.
6. May we use any of your comments in MEF promotional materials?
   1. Yes
   2. No
7. Additional comments:

**Thank you for completing this survey!** Your feedback will enable MEF to continue providing grants to MPS students, teachers, and administrators.