

# EPHRATA AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION



## 2010-2011 VENTURE GRANT PROGRAM

### PURPOSE:

The goal of the Venture Grant Program is to enhance and expand educational experiences and opportunities for the students in the public schools of the Ephrata Area School District by providing grants to individual teachers, groups of teachers, departments, and other professional employees that support creative and innovative programs that would normally not be funded through the school budget. Grants will be awarded annually to enable unique programs, teaching strategies, and learning experiences to become a reality in the classroom or through support services where they can influence the learning climate and directly benefit students. A minimum of \$10,000 will be awarded annually through the Venture Grant Program assuming the funds are available.

### CRITERIA:

- All teachers, groups of teachers, departments, and other professional employees within the public schools of the Ephrata Area School District may submit grant proposals.
- Individual proposals may not exceed \$1,000 per year.
- Grants may be used for the purchase of books, instructional supplies, and equipment or for expenses associated with bringing in an outside resource person or facilitator. **Grants are not intended to be used for items that would normally be provided through the school budgetary process or for payments to district employees for time spent on project design or implementation. Computer hardware will NOT be considered.**

### GRANT PROCESS:

- In January or early February of each school year, an explanation of the grant program and an application will be distributed to each member of the professional staff in the district. Grant applications will be received through the first day of March 2010 (see attached application).
- Grants are to be typed or computer generated and, to the greatest extent possible, should not to include the name(s) of professional employees involved in the grant within the body of the grant application.
- Funds awarded through the grant program are to be expended between July 1 and June 30 of the school year following the awarding of the grant.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

- Professional employees interested in submitting proposals should complete the attached grant application and return it in hard copy to Dr. Robin Felty, Ephrata Area Education Foundation, 803 Oak Blvd., Ephrata, PA 17522, or electronically to [r\\_felty@easdpa.org](mailto:r_felty@easdpa.org)
- Upon the completion of each grant project, a 1-2 page summary, accompanied by photographs of students and activities involved in the project, is to be submitted to Dr. Robin Felty, Ephrata Area Education Foundation. These materials will be utilized to prepare a report to our contributors on how Ephrata Area Education Foundation funds are benefiting the students in the Ephrata Area School District.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

- In March a committee will convene for the purpose of evaluating Venture Grant applications. This will be completed as a blind evaluation in which names will not be included on individual applications. The selection committee will be comprised of representatives from the professional staff, administration, and the Foundation. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of individual applications is as follows:
  - Will the project provide a service or learning experience that students would normally not receive?
  - Does the project address district goals and/or state standards?
  - Will the project encourage creativity and innovation?
  - Will the project provide students with an aesthetic or cultural experience?
  - Will the project help raise student achievement?
  - How many students will benefit from the project?
- Grant recipients will be notified in early June of each year. Grants will be awarded as part of the school district year-end staff recognition program.

# 2010-2011 Venture Grant Application

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**APPLICANT(S):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Names Will Be Removed For Selection Review)

**TITLE OF GRANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a concise summary of the proposal:

State the purpose of the proposed project:

Describe in detail how this project supports district goals, building goals, and/or the achieving of state standards:

Number of teachers to be involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students affected by this project: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate grades/classes/departments:

Amount of proposed request (\$1,000 maximum): \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in detail your intended budget:

Describe how the success of the project will be measured and what data will be collected to support this:

**Submit your application to:**

- Electronic version of application: [r\\_felty@easdpa.org](mailto:r_felty@easdpa.org)
- Hard copy of application:

Dr. Robin Felty

Ephrata Area Education Foundation, 803 Oak Blvd., Ephrata, PA 17522



**Due: Monday, March 1, 2010**