



Stanzel Family Foundation, Inc. Guidelines for Grant Proposals

Mission

The mission of the Foundation is to encourage and support an educated and healthy community.

Vision

We are active partners in community education and health, empowering generations of engaged citizen philanthropists.

The Stanzel Family Foundation envisions:

- a community of life long learners where each member is engaged in a voluntary and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge.
- a community where each member is engaged in a voluntary and self-motivated pursuit of a healthy life style through education, accessibility, and programs.
- an engaged inclusive community that promotes and inspires philanthropy, love of humanity, through recognition and celebration of people who are living the definition through their generosity, sharing and kindness.

We, together with the community, aim to:

- Promote education and **awareness** of overall well-being and healthy life-styles in the broadest sense (physical, mental, and spiritual) and ease navigation and provide **access** to affordable and quality health care services and resources.
- Promote education and **awareness** of life-long learning across both formal and informal learning opportunities and provide **access** to affordable and quality learning opportunities.
- Ensure that our efforts and strategies in health and education reach **across** the whole community and are proportionate to need.



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Focus Areas and Goals

Grants within any of the following six focus areas will be prioritized: mental and behavioral health, medical and dental health, workforce development, education, early childhood, and seniors. More specifically, organizations whose work aligns with the outlined goals will further be prioritized.

Mental & Behavioral Health

Ease navigation and provide access to affordable and quality health care services and resources, including:

- Mental health providers (LPCs, LCSWs, specialists)
- Peer-to-peer mental health supports and mentoring for secondary and post-secondary students
- Efforts focused on students with intellectual, physical, and behavioral disabilities as well as their families and schools
- Programs and tools to support the social/emotional needs of students

Medical & Dental Health

Ease navigation and provide access to affordable and quality health care services and resources, including:

- General health providers (doctors and nurses)
- Alternative/innovative solutions to providing health care

Workforce Development

- Support development of soft and hard skills among secondary and post-secondary students and local workforce
- Support efforts to expose/educate secondary students about career opportunities
- Support education that aligns with local workforce needs

Early Childhood

- Provide additional support for early childhood programs and organizations and encourage continuity into the school system

Seniors

- Support organizations and programs which engage seniors in learning – keeping mind and body active

Education

- Expose/promote/encourage STEAM education at all ages
- Provide financial support, education, and resources for teachers to be effective in the classrooms
- Encourage and support technical and vocational education



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Other Considerations

- Startup organizations are encouraged to apply for **seed funding**. Seed funding plays a pivotal role in fostering innovation and driving positive societal change. This necessary financial backing enables nascent ideas to take root and grow. Furthermore, support at the seed stage can attract additional investment, ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of these ventures.
- Organizations can apply for grants **year-after-year** but should not become dependent upon such funding. As organizations mature, organizations should be challenged to become self-sustaining. Exceptions can be made if services would be sacrificed due to a lack of financial support.
- Requests should be for enhancements to the organization or their programs, not basic needs that should be budgeted for annually.
- Requests from organizations should not exceed **10%** of their operating budget. Requests for seed funding are an exception to this rule.
- Organizations are expected to demonstrate a **diverse revenue stream** from a variety of donors to illustrate community buy-in.
- Organizations are expected to demonstrate **community involvement**, especially by pivotal partners, to ensure the service/program is needed and wanted.

Reporting

If funded grantee will be required to submit a Year-End Report through the online portal or mailed to the foundation. This report must be filed within 12 months after the funding of the grant. The Foundation will not accept applications from a grantee who has failed to file timely status reports for a previous grant.

Standard measures for the End-of-Year Report include: an expenditure report, demographics of individuals served, outline of funding sources and fundraising efforts, updates on activities and programs, and examples of community “buy-in”.



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Eligibility

- Grants are made in two areas: education and health.
- Grant requests for operating, programming, and capital are eligible for funding.
- Grants are only available to entities serving within the geographic area defined by the Schulenburg and/or Weimar school districts.
- Grants are made only to non-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) or 170(c).
- The Stanzel Family Foundation does not fund individuals, endowment campaigns, political campaigns or endeavors, or programs that require adherence to a particular religious belief or practice to receive services (faith-based organizations serving the community-at-large will be considered).

Grant Cycle and Review Process

- Deadline for educational institutions is June 15; applications are reviewed in July; funding is awarded in August
- Deadline for non-profit organizations is August 15; applications are reviewed in October; funding is awarded in November

Application Process

Grantee will be required to submit their application including all attachments through the online portal.

To apply, grantee must obtain the application link by contacting Melanie Ramirez, Program Director, at melanie@stanzelmuseum.org or (979) 743-9119.

If you have any trouble logging in or creating an account, please contact the program director.