

**GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS
GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION PACKET**

Introduction

Great Plains Communications will receive applications for grants from school districts within its Telephone and Cable TV serving area to be awarded in the spring for the following school year. Great Plains urges every school to participate.

Purpose

The grant program is intended to encourage exceptional and unique ideas that will improve the educational process. The program provides resources to help add challenging new units or projects to the curriculum.

Grant Criteria

Applications for grants should meet the following criteria:

- 1. The request should deal with professional improvement, technological support, or should supplement regular programs.*
- 2. The request should be consistent with the district philosophy and procedures.*
- 3. The request should have the signatures of the district superintendent and the president of the school board.*
- 4. The request should be supplemental to the regular school budget after regular avenues of funding have been exhausted.*
- 5. The request **may** have a matching funds provision attached to it.*
- 6. The request should have a clear and concise benefit to the district.*
- 7. The request should be curricular or instructional in nature.*
- 8. The request should contain a plan to provide follow-up information to Great Plains Communications.*

A total of \$20,000 will be awarded in the spring for use during the next full school year. The maximum amount awarded to one school district would be \$5,000. The amount of each grant will be distributed as decided by a qualified committee.

Application

Great Plains is looking for ways to help schools add challenging units or projects to the curriculum. For example, past award recipients have used the funds to put on a Fine Arts Festival, purchase hardware and software to produce a movie about the history of the community, purchase materials for a career technical lab, etc. Requests for funds to purchase equipment without an explanation of how the equipment will enhance the curriculum will not be considered.

A preprinted form is available for your assistance in applying. You may use the preprinted form, or you may provide your own form. Your request must contain the following sections:

- Section I Importance of the project, specific intents and benefits*
- Section II Explanation of personnel involved and detailed budget*
- Section III Timeline for completion and evaluation process*
- Section IV Signatures of the district superintendent and the president of the school board*

All applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 1. Mail or deliver applications to:

*Jacque Wilkins
Great Plains Communications
Street Address: 1635 Front Street
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 500
Blair, NE 68008-0500*

Timeline

- March 1 Application Deadline*
- April 1 Award Recipients will be announced*

Questions regarding the grant program may be directed to Jacque Wilkins at 888.343.8014 Ext. 6524.

BUDGET

Curriculum/ Materials	Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
	Total Expenses		\$
Matching Funds (if applicable)	Source of Matching Funds:		\$
	Total Grant Request		\$

Section III

Timeline for Implementing and Evaluating the Project

How will your school provide Great Plains Communications with information on the completion and success of the project?

Section IV

Signatures:

Superintendent

School Board President

Today's Date: ___/___/___
(mm/dd/yyyy)