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 during the 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 of 2019 for use in the 2019-2020 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. March 1, 2019. Mail or deliver applications to:

Grant Committee
Great Plains Communications
1600 Great Plains Centre
P.O. Box 500
Blair, NE 68008-0500

Timeline

March 1, 2019 Application Deadline

April 1, 2019 Award Recipients will be announced

Questions regarding the grant program may be directed to 402-456-9511.

*This form is intended to serve as a guideline in applying for grant funds. You may type on this form, you may provide your own form in a similar format, or you may request this form be e-mailed to you so that you can alter it as appropriate. The form can be obtained by e-mail by contacting *scholarshipsgrants@gpcom.com*

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Section I

Name of the Project_____

School Name _____

Contact Name/Title_____

School Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address_____

State the importance of the project, specific intents and benefits:

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Section II

How will school personnel be involved?

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

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

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Section IV

Signatures:

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Superintendent	**School Board President**