TEEN TRUST GRANT GUIDELINES – 2021

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This document provides the necessary details about this specific grant opportunity, including deadlines and eligibility requirements. For information about accessing the online grants management site, tips on grantwriting, and more, visit the Grantseeker Resources section of our website (www.cfneia.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact Program Director Tom Wickersham at 319-243-1356 or twickersham@cfneia.org.

What We Fund

The Community Foundation provides eligible agencies one-year discretionary grants on a competitive basis to improve life for residents of Black Hawk County, Iowa. Requests can be for operations, programming, materials, equipment, and capital projects. Areas of support are in the following program areas:

- art & culture
- community betterment
- education
- environment
- health
- historic preservation
- human service

About Teen Trust

Teen Trust is a diverse group of high school students from the Black Hawk County area being facilitated by a qualified mentor. Teen Trust provides young adults an opportunity to serve as trustees and young philanthropists in the community. The Trustees have been entrusted with $15,000 from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa to allocate to agencies serving Black Hawk County. Using a grant application system, site visits, and interviews, and community needs assessments, The Trustees work as a team to decide which organizations to support through financial aid and/or volunteerism. Learn more about Teen Trust.

This year’s Teen Trust Student Director is Bekah Bass. Members of the 2020-2021 Teen Trust are listed below. Officers are indicated with an asterisk (*):

- Malina Amjadi, Cedar Falls
- Vikash Ayyappan, Cedar Falls
- Maren Denison, Cedar Falls
- Eli Flikkema, Cedar Falls
- Abbey Guersey, Cedar Falls
- Sasha Hyacinth, Columbus
- Meia Ledesma*, Valley Lutheran
- Ian Lewis*, Cedar Falls
- Ahmad Madlock, Cedar Falls
- Sierra Meeks, Waterloo West
- Belle Olson, Union
- Tristen Prouse*, Union
- Emma Reiter, Columbus
- Ajda Rekic, Waterloo West
- Vivian Slack, Waterloo West
- Landon Stafsholt, Waterloo West
- Hanna Stainbrook, Waterloo West
- Zonish Tahir*, Waterloo West
- Jorden Wallican, Waterloo West
- Delaney Youngblut, Don Bosco
- Randy Zhang, Cedar Falls

Eligibility to Apply

Organizations must provide benefits to the people of Black Hawk County and must meet the following criteria in order to apply for a grant:

- Be classified as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or be a government entity.
- Be current with all state and federal reporting requirements.
- Must not have any past due grant reports for previous CFNEIA grants.
For groups, projects, or initiatives that do not meet the above eligibility requirements, the Community Foundation will consider projects submitted through a fiscal sponsor. Fiscal sponsors must be classified as a 501(c)(3) or a government entity. The Community Foundation prefers that the fiscal sponsor’s mission closely align with the sponsored project.

It is suggested that organizations that are applying for the first time (or the first time in a number of years) contact Program Director Tom Wickersham (see QUESTIONS section below for contact information) to explore the appropriateness of requests and for any further guidance.

**Restrictions and Application Frequency**
In addition to the eligibility requirements, the following restrictions also apply:

- Requests should be for one year only.
- Minimum requests should be **$1,000**; maximum request limit is **$3,000**.
- Organizations can submit only one proposal at a time. Applicants may also submit up to one additional proposal as a fiscal sponsor.
- Organizations with a separate supporting organization (like a “friends of” or a foundation) can apply through either the organization or through its supporting organization, but not both. The Foundation encourages applications to be submitted through the supporting organization.
- The Foundation will not support requests for funds that are re-granted or redistributed by the applicant.
- Inherently religious activities such as religious worship, instruction, or proselytization or activities that promote specific religious doctrine are not eligible.
- Requests for partisan political or lobbying activities are not eligible.
- Operational requests from other foundations are not eligible.

**How to Apply**
Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Community Foundation should fully review these grant guidelines prior to submitting an application to ensure all eligibility requirements are met. Applications must be submitted through the foundation’s online grant management system, which can be located in the grants section of [www.cfneia.org](http://www.cfneia.org). Also located on the website are helpful resources for logging in and navigating the online grants system.

**Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2020.**

All applications materials should be submitted by the deadline through the online grant management system—no exceptions. Late, incomplete, or hard copy applications will not be considered. Incomplete applications are those that are in DRAFT mode at the time of the application deadline.

**Important Dates**
- The grant application deadline is 11:59pm on December 16, 2020.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant decisions in mid-April.
- For funded proposals, a final report will be due on April 30, 2022.

**Conditions**
Awarded applicants are required to:
- Sign a Terms of Grant agreement which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant.
- Submit a Grant Report to show the results of the project and to show that all the funds have been spent as intended. (If the project takes longer to complete, the Community Foundation will consider a request to extend the Grant Report deadline.)

**Questions?**
With specific questions on submission procedures or eligibility, organizations are advised to contact Program Director Tom Wickersham at 319-243-1356 or [twickersham@cfneia.org](mailto:twickersham@cfneia.org).