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# Student Mini-grants Available!

From the Good Classrooms for Grand Rapids Program  
(formerly Excellence in Education)

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation's Good Schools and Good Classrooms program is designed to support a quality education for all students in the City of Grand Rapids. It was established in cooperation with the Grand Rapids Public, Grand Rapids Diocesan Catholic and Grand Rapids Christian School Association Schools. The program is supported by funding from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

## What is a Community Foundation?

- A non-profit organization that receives monetary donations from residents in a particular community and endows (or saves) it; then takes the earnings (from interest, dividends, etc.) from that "community savings account" and makes grants to nonprofit organizations within the community.
- Michigan has 86 community foundations...the most in the U.S.
- The Grand Rapids Community Foundation was established in 1922 and has provided more than \$15 million in grants for education-related programs

## What are the grants for?

- To introduce the concept of a community foundation and its work
- Grants of up to \$500 are available for programs that will benefit middle and high school age students in the Grand Rapids Public, Christian, and Catholic Schools.
- Minigrants will be awarded for proposals submitted by students in grades 6-12 that are school or student oriented.

**What can be funded?** Minigrants will be awarded for proposals submitted by students that are school or student oriented. Examples would be:

- School or community improvement projects
- Community service projects benefiting the school or community
- Extracurricular activities that build community leadership development
- Classroom projects planned by students

**Who can apply?** Any student(s), student organization, or classroom group in grades 6-12 of a Grand Rapids Public, Catholic, or Christian school can apply for a grant. All **applications must be written and submitted by student(s)** and must be signed by the principal and endorsed either by a teacher and/or adult advisor.

**How to Apply:** Complete and submit an application form no later than October 15. Applications will be reviewed and awards announced in November. Funds will be available after that time and must be used by June 30, 2010. Application forms may be photocopied.

**Payment:** Checks will be made payable to the school for the approved program/activity.

**Follow-up Reports:** Recipients will be asked to submit a brief follow-up report upon completion of the program/activity.

Questions regarding applications and application submission should be directed to: Cris Kooyer, 616-454-1751 x 118, [ckooyer@grfoundation.org](mailto:ckooyer@grfoundation.org)

**Retain this page for your information and return application form only.**  
**Applications must be mailed (postmarked) OR submitted by email by October 12, 2009**  
Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.