MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Grant Guidelines – Spring 2021

INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for your interest in the Magnolia Public Schools Foundation grants program. MPSF grants are designed to provide funding for projects that increase learning opportunities for students and reward the creative initiative of teachers. MPSF grants are funded by generous contributions from private individuals and contributions from corporate partners. MPSF's mission is to promote and support excellence in education. One of the ways in which we accomplish this is by attracting private and philanthropic funds to sustain and expand educational programs that fall outside the Magnolia Public Schools normal operating budget.

GUIDELINES:

The Magnolia Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors is made up of members of the community. The grant committee is comprised of educators, business professionals, and other community members.

MPSF will accept grant requests for any amount up to a maximum of $1,000 for individual grants and $2,500 for group grants. An individual or group may submit only one (1) grant request per grant cycle. Grants will be awarded based on the quality and originality of the projects/programs. Teachers who apply may be asked to explain their project/program to the Selection Committee prior to the awarding of the grant. Grant funds will be distributed and coordinated by MPSF. If a grant recipient leaves the school district, any usable equipment or materials will remain with the district.

The deadline for application submission is January 5, 2021. The Foundation will not be responsible for applications that are received after the deadline. Grant awards will be announced by mail and on the Foundation Facebook page by January 20, 2021. Grant funds will be available on February 1, 2021. Funds must be expended or returned to the Foundation no later than June 30, 2021. Instructions for grant payment will be made available to grant recipients upon award notification. All grantees will be responsible for completing a Final Grant Report and returning it to the Foundation by June 30, 2021.

CRITERIA FOR REQUESTORS:

1. Qualified educators and grant applicants include teachers, administration, and other certified school personnel.
2. Applications must be completed in full to be considered for funding.
3. Projects should coincide with the goals and curriculum objectives of the Magnolia Public Schools.
4. MPSF shall fund only those projects that augment and enrich the curriculum and do not supplant programs traditionally funded by the school district, state, and federal budgets.
5. Projects should demonstrate sustainability, where applicable.
6. Projects must delineate clear, well-defined goals, sound educational values and represent the applicant's original thoughts.
7. Grants recipients must agree to acknowledge the support of the Magnolia Public Schools Foundation in any printed material or presentations.
8. If a grant recipient is unable to administer the approved project, the grant recipient will return all allocated funds to the Foundation.

9. No funds will be awarded for multiple applications from an individual school to fund an entire program, or multiple requests from any one individual.
10. The Foundation may not fund grant requests that exceed the dollar limit for the Foundation grant.
11. Supplemental classroom materials and pre-packaged kits are acceptable; however, preference will be given to grants that demonstrate creative and effective implementation and inspire students to learn.
12. Grants that relate to or that directly benefit a large number of students may be given preference.
13. A detailed itemized list of all costs and materials must be included.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact: Donna Garrett jdgarrett@suddenlink.net or call 870-234-7269.