

**SIMSBURY EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION**  
**Grant Application**

**APPLICATION PROCESS (up to \$2,000):**

Applicants must submit TWO (2) typewritten copies of the completed application form, together with any supporting materials, to the Foundation. We now have a rolling applications deadline process, therefore applications will be accepted at any time during the school year. The Foundation may require a personal interview with or additional information from the applicant. Input may be sought from the School Administration on all applications. Review of applications will occur in a timely manner after receipt of applications and successful applicants will be notified soon thereafter. The Foundation expects to formally announce Grant Awards at the Board of Education meeting in late May or early June. Grants must be expended within the semester or school year designated, or the remainder of the Grant will be returned to the Foundation.

Submit all grant requests to:

Fred Wergeles  
39 Drumlin Road  
W. Simsbury, CT 06092  
860-408-9093  
[Fred@IntelStrategy.com](mailto:Fred@IntelStrategy.com)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Call **Fred Wergeles** at (860) 408-9093 (*Executive Director*)

**All other correspondence may be mailed to:**

S.E.E.F.  
(Simsbury Education Enhancement Foundation)  
P.O. Box 925  
Simsbury, CT 06070

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**APPLICATION:**

(Please complete this form and mail to SEEF, P.O. Box 925, Simsbury, CT 06070. Also, please call the Executive Director and let them know a grant is being mailed. The Foundation will endeavor to review applications on a name-/school-blind basis, i.e., the applicant's name and school will not be disclosed to the Foundation's Grant Committee.)

**Applicant Information:**

1. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Subject Area and/or Grades Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Applicant's School: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, the applicant hereby (a) agrees to complete a brief post-project evaluation for the Foundation, (b) grants to the Foundation the right to use this application and the results of this project, if funded, for public information and to help other educators, and (c) understands that grant awards are subject to the rules and conditions of the Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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(Please do not indicate applicant's name on these sheets. If you prefer to place all answers on separate pages, please feel free to do so.)

**Project Information:**

6. Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Overview -- In a few sentences, briefly explain your project: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Objectives -- State specifically what your project will accomplish: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Plan of Action -- Explain how you would conduct your project: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Timeline -- Provide a timeline of events for the project: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. If your project must be conducted during a specific time period during the Academic Year, please indicate which weeks or months:

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12. Approximately how many schools, grades and/or subjects will be affected by this project? Include the number of students involved: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Rationale -- Why do you think there is a specific need for this project?

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14. Given the Foundation's criteria, explain why you think your project should be selected.

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15. How does this project enhance and encourage the current curriculum?

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**Funding Information:**

16. Amount of Grant Request: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Total Estimated Cost of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Budget -- On a separate sheet, please provide a budget or other itemized details of the cost of items for the project and all the sources which you intend to use to meet these costs. (The grant should not be used to financially compensate the teacher for time spent on grant preparation and /or time to administer the grant.)

19. Are other funds available to pay for this project? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe what efforts you have made to obtain such funds:

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20. Evaluation -- Describe how and when you intend to evaluate the project. (Evaluation methods can be as simple as teacher observation of student attitude and behavior before and after the project, test results or measurement of skills attained as a result of the project, or surveys of student's perceptions of the project):

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**What is the Foundation?**

The Simsbury Education Enhancement Foundation is a community-based foundation encouraging educational excellence throughout the Simsbury Public Schools by funding innovative classroom programs, initiating strategic alliances between businesses and educators, and encouraging alumni support of Simsbury's education system. Through our educator grants, we seek to enhance each child's academic experience and demonstrate the viability of model programs that could be implemented throughout the school district.

The Foundation is a tax-exempt corporation governed by a board of directors. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Directors have close ties to Simsbury and its public schools. They are committed to enhancing a tradition of educational excellence in Simsbury. Over 2,000 educational foundations have been organized across the country to raise tax-deductible contributions in support of the public schools in their communities.

**Why a Foundation?**

- The Simsbury School System has lost Millions and Millions of dollars of State Aid since 1991.
- Maintaining the excellence of our school system is a community concern.
- There is a need to finance innovative educational programs and initiatives not ordinarily included in the Board of Education budget.

**Our Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Foundation is to promote and enhance public education excellence in Simsbury by providing independent financial resources for innovative educational initiatives.

The goals of the Foundation are to:

- Develop financial support for worthy educational projects, enrichment programs and other educational initiatives.
- Increase involvement and support for Simsbury Public Education by students, parents, educators, alumni, businesses, civic organizations, and the Simsbury community at large.
- Work closely with the Simsbury Board of Education and school administrators to identify and evaluate for founding innovative programs and initiatives.

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#### **How Will the Grants be Used?**

The funds raised by the Foundation will be targeted at projects that will:

- Relate directly to student learning and growth
- Strengthen the curriculum with the development of innovative programs
- Enhance the educational resources available to students
- Provide financial assistance for new educational technologies

#### **Recent Activity:**

- Since 1995, awarded over \$100,000 in 58 grants to the Simsbury Public School system; provided up to \$5000 (each) for innovative projects in science, math, literature, social studies and art.
- Sponsored the Simsbury High School Alumni Directory.

#### **How Can You Participate?**

We need your support and enthusiasm.

We want to hear your ideas on projects or programs you feel would enhance the tradition of excellence in Simsbury.

Contributions from families, individuals, foundations and corporations are a vital source of income for the Foundation and are tax deductible. As a non-profit organization, the Foundation is eligible for corporate matching gift programs.

**For additional information**, contact any of the following members of the Board of Directors:

#### **Board of Directors Officers:**

Fred Wergeles, Exec. Director (860) 408-9093

Tracy Tietje, Treasurer (860) 658-2001

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