

**MICHIGAN GATEWAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
&  
BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EDUCATION FUND  
Innovative Designs in Education Awards (IDEA)  
2008-09 IDEA Classroom Mini-Grant Application**

**ELIGIBILITY**

All Buchanan teachers may apply for an IDEA Classroom Mini-Grant to support classroom projects during the 2008-09 school year.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

All grant applications must be completed by the teacher on the mini-grant application form. Attachments and cover letters are not necessary and will not be considered in the selection process. *The completed application should be returned directly to the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation office.*

**TIMETABLE**

The application deadline is October 10, 2008. If money is available there will be a second round for mini grants with a deadline of February 10, 2009.

**PAYMENT OF GRANTS**

The awards will be announced and presented to the winning teachers by October 30 and February 28.

**GRANT RANGE**

Each classroom mini-grant will range from a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$300. In order to stretch the available dollars as far as possible, please itemize carefully and request only what you will need. Unused dollars must be returned to the Foundation, and we would rather distribute them around to others.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

In reviewing applications, the primary characteristic the review committee considers is innovative **classroom** teaching, demonstrated in one or more of the following areas:

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|---|--|
| 1) Motivation for students to learn                           | 4) Parental involvement in learning    |
| 2) Multi-cultural understanding                               | 5) Self-respect & self-esteem          |
| 3) Incentives for students to stay in school & set life goals | 6) Citizenship values & responsibility |

Other considerations that impact application scoring include:

- 1) Realistic budget
- 2) Educational impact – clear statement of realistic goals & objectives

Funds will **NOT** be provided for:

- 1) Capital improvements for renovation
- 2) Replacement of school funds

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about the program or need assistance, contact Rob Habicht at Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, 695-3521.

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**Classroom Mini-grant Application**

This form is to be completed by the teacher. All forms must be received by the application deadline to qualify for that funding cycle. Send directly to: Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, Attn: Rob Habicht, 111 Days Avenue, Buchanan, MI 49107. **PLEASE TYPE.**

School Building \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ # of Students \_\_\_\_\_

Application deadline: October 10, 2008

**PROGRAM BUDGET**

**Supplies Needed:**

**Cost**

Grant range: Minimum = \$100 Maximum = \$300 **Total Amount Requested** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the following area(s) that this grant will address:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> motivation for students to learn                           | <input type="checkbox"/> parental involvement in learning      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> multi-cultural understanding                               | <input type="checkbox"/> self-respect & self-esteem            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> incentives for students to stay in school & set life goals | <input type="checkbox"/> citizenship values & responsibilities |

Projected starting date \_\_\_\_\_ Project should be completed by end of school year  
(mm/dd/year)

**Brief narrative describing project and how you will accomplish the goal areas checked above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date