

Martin Family-Shawnee Heights Foundation Elementary/Middle School Annual Grant

This annual grant was established in 2019 by the Martin family: Shirley, Jim, Abbey, and Ben with the cooperation and additional support of matching funding by the Shawnee Heights Foundation. As Shawnee Heights residents, students, and school patrons (Shirley-USD 450 Business Manager, Abbey and Ben K-12 students/graduates, and Jim active patron) the family experienced the daily impacts of the community nature and spirit of the District throughout their entire lives. The energy and assistance provided to a young growing family came through students of all ages, teachers, administrative staff, support staff, former students, parents, family friends within the District, and many more school and District related activities.

The District's Elementary and Middle School environments played a special role by establishing the beginnings for the family's lifelong Shawnee Heights experiences. This grant reflects the impact of these early age influences and conveys the gratitude of the family. The generous matching of funds by the Shawnee Heights Foundation provides added emphasis to the priority of early learning opportunities. Participation provided through this grant will hopefully encourage further achievement by the district's elementary and middle school students prior to transition to High School.

The Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation is excited to make available this \$4,000.00 grant to one USD 450 Elementary or Middle School each year as recognition and celebration of the strength and impacts of the district on its youngest students. Application of these funds will further influence another generation of T-Birds.

General Grant Characteristics:

- 1) One lump sum grant, of \$4,000, will be awarded each year to one USD 450 Elementary or Middle School.
- 2) Proposals must represent an impact to the entire school or to a specific area determined by school staff in collaboration with the Principal.
- 3) Grant funds may be utilized for a specific project, series of projects, or program.
- 4) Grant funds may not be utilized for administration expenses, food, drink, staff salaries, rewards, incentives, or motivational purposes.
- 5) Application for the grant must be approved and submitted by the Elementary/Middle School Principal.
- 6) A school is not eligible to receive a grant in two successive years unless no other acceptable applications are submitted.
- 7) This grant is not to be considered as an individual teacher or classroom grant.

Grant Purpose:

The purpose of this grant and the Shawnee Heights Foundation is to provide ways to enhance, enrich, and expand educational programs for the district youth, not available otherwise through normal district funding. Applications will be reviewed by the Shawnee Heights Foundation. The following criteria and guidelines will be applicable:

Selection Criteria:

The grant will focus on the following criteria:

- 1) Probability of providing a direct and worthwhile impact on students.

- 2) Probability of providing a direct and worthwhile impact on the school.
- 3) Indicates innovation and/or new learning experience not otherwise available.
- 4) Reflects school and district's goals.
- 5) Provides opportunities for improvements in quality of learning and teaching.

Guidelines:

The grant application shall generally follow:

- 1) Application shall consist of; paper copy of Elementary/Middle School Grant Application and paper copy of Grant Proposal.
- 2) There is no set format for a grant proposal. Consideration will be given to organization, clarity, detail, and sufficient visual illustration necessary to assist the selection committee.
- 3) Proposal shall include: (a) detailed description of the project, (b) detailed description of how the proposal will meet the selection criteria outlined above, (c) summary of project costs, and (d) explanation and measurement of project outcomes.

Application Instructions:

Complete application and attach all required information. Return completed application to one of the appropriate Shawnee Heights Curriculum Directors **no later than 3:00 P.M. on December 1, 2024**. The applications will be delivered to the Shawnee Heights Foundation for review and the determination of grant award by December 7, 2024. Recipients will be notified prior to December 31, 2024. Funds will be made available in January of 2025.

**2024-2025
Martin Family-Shawnee Heights Foundation
Elementary/Middle School Annual Grant
Application**

School Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact E-Mail: _____

Title of Project: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Application and Proposal must be received no later than December 1, 2024.

**Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation
Elementary/Middle School Grant Application
Attn: Elementary or Secondary Curriculum Director
4401 SE Shawnee Heights Rd.
Tecumseh, KS 66542**