



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Advocates for WRPS Education Fund represents a community-based effort to provide supplemental funding to enrich the academic, cultural, athletic, and overall experience of students and staff; and to encourage and reward educational creativity and innovation in the pursuit of excellence in education in the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools.

### FUNDING APPLICATION CRITERIA

The Advocates for WRPS Education fund will generally consider funding requests up to \$500 for projects that will benefit students and staff in the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. Applications will be accepted from an individual or group with a desire to support the district's educational mission.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the proposed project to the Advocates for WRPS Education Fund's Mission.
2. Evidence of how this project will improve on current practices.
3. Justification for funding that exceeds the school district resources.
4. Correlation with curriculum/instructional goals of your school building and/or the district.
5. Length of project with preference for model projects of one year or less.
6. Clarity of project evaluation plan.
7. Potential to serve as a model that could be duplicated within the school district.
8. Evidence of cooperation with other community resources or persons who share similar interests.



**Advocates for WRPS Education**

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FUNDING APPLICATION PROGRAM**

Thank you for your interest in the Advocates for Wisconsin Rapids Public School (WRPS) Education Funding Application. The Advocates for WRPS offers an unrestricted funding program. Funding applications are available at [www.wrps.org/ Advocates for WRPS Education/ Funding Application](http://www.wrps.org/Advocates%20for%20WRPS%20Education/Funding%20Application). Funding applications can be submitted year round and will be reviewed quarterly.

Proposals will be accepted for projects that creatively enhance the education and instruction of students in any academic discipline. Funding applications may be submitted for any project that meets the mission of the Advocates for WRPS Education and is not supported through normal school operating budgets. School district staff or any community member in partnership with an educator for students in grades K-12 may submit a funding application.

These funding opportunities financially supplement creative, innovative educational projects for WRPS teachers, teaching assistants, parents/citizens, and nonprofit organizations who are involved in activities for WRPS K-12 students.

Additionally, funding opportunities may support educational efforts or training of student or coach participants in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities are defined as those involving performance, publication or competition in which students represent the school and do not receive academic credit. These may include interscholastic athletics (but not intramural athletics), debate and other organizations that either have competitions (i.e. DECA), put on performances (i.e. drama/music) or produce publications (i.e. school newspapers or yearbooks) where the group represents the school as part of the competition, performance or publication. Funding applications may be made in support of any student, employee or affiliate (i.e. volunteer coaches/advisors) involved in an eligible co-curricular activity in grades K-12. Funding may not be used for co-curricular operating expenses such as uniforms, equipment or travel.

***Applications may be submitted by a WRPS District staff member or any community member in partnership with an educator for students in grades K-12.***

**Instructions for Funding Applications**

1. Completed funding applications will be accepted year round and reviewed quarterly

<b>Grant application due</b>	<b>Grant committee meets</b>	<b>Applicants notified</b>  within two weeks after committee meets
April 20 or May 17, 2011	April 27 or May 31, 2011	
August 1, 2011	August 10, 2011	
November 8, 2011	November 15, 2011	
February 1, 2012	February 8, 2012	
April 10, 2012	April 17, 2012	

2. Mail or fax completed application to:

Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County  
478 East Grand Avenue  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
Phone: 715.423-3863; Fax: 715.423.3019



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### **After Funding Application Submitted**

Funding applicants will receive a letter announcing the award or denial within two weeks of committee approval.

Approved funding applicants will also be provided with information about distribution of funds and other general expectations.

Project funds should be used within one calendar year from date of issue. Funding should be considered seed money for special projects and not a resource for on-going funding.

Funding recipients should carefully track expenses and save receipts for use of funds. The Fund will not reimburse for previously incurred expenses. Unused funding of \$20 or more should be returned to the Advocates for WRPS Education Fund.

A final written report of the project outcome must be submitted to the Advocates for WRPS Education Fund Committee, within 30 days of the project's completion. If available, photographs, videotapes or other documentation would be appreciated in order to help promote future projects.



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Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools  
**Advocates for WRPS Education Funding Application**

(Please type or print clearly)

A. Applicant/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Grade level/department: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students served: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Project title: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Specifically describe your request in two pages or less incorporating the eight criteria listed on page one. Include the project's objectives and potential long-range benefits, if any.

F. Has assistance been sought from other sources? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
If so, from whom and how much has been received?

Why are additional funds needed?

I/We agree to use the funds granted for the purpose as approved by the Advocates for WRPS Education.  
To assist in future funding, a representative of the Advocates for WRPS Education  
may contact you for information pertinent to this application.

I/We understand the submission of this funding application is subject to the review, discretion and approval or rejection  
from the Advocates for WRPS Education Funding Application Committee .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building Administrator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*The Advocates for WRPS Education Funding Application Committee reserves the right to suggest modifications  
to an application and may submit, upon recommendation of the grant selection committee,  
the application for additional building and/or district administrative endorsement.*



**Project Budget**

Budget Item	Proposed Costs
Instructional Supplies (please list)	
Equipment (please list)	
Transportation	
Services (stipends, contracted services, salaries)	
Other (please be specific)	
<b>Total</b>	

- 1) If your project includes transportation, entrance fees, stipends or salaries, please explain in the project description why these costs cannot be met by school district funding and why they are integral to the success of the project.
- 2) Proposed software must go through the WRPS's software approval process **before** the funding application is submitted for consideration.