



**WINNETKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**  
 APPLICATION AND PROPOSAL  
 FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
 TEACHER RESEARCH GRANT  
**2008 - 2009**

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Thank you for your interest in conducting research within the district, and for sharing your ideas with the Foundation. The work you do on behalf of students aids in your professional growth, and makes a tremendous contribution to our community of learners.

Please read and follow the directions for this application carefully. Should you have any questions, please contact Kris Clendenin at 847-446-6060 or Julie Pfeffer at 847-501-4530.

**Completed applications and proposals must be received in the Curriculum Office by 4:00PM April 6, 2009.** Notification of award status is projected to be provided by April 30, 2009.

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN OPTIONAL INFORMATIONAL SESSION TO HELP COMPLETE THE RESEARCH APPLICATION AS WELL AS ANSWER ANY GENERAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT YOUR WORK ON MARCH 31, 2009 IN THE RESOURCE CENTER AT GREELEY SCHOOL.**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School (please circle):

CI

GR

HW

SK

CW

Role(s) within building: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II: PROJECT SUMMARY**

Working title for research project: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated start date of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of funds requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated duration of project (please circle):      One year (2009 – 2010)

Two years (2009 – 2011)\*

\*If two years, will you need duplicate funding for the second year (please circle)?    Yes    No



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**SECTION III: ACCEPTANCE OF EXPECTATIONS**

If your application and proposal for a teacher research grant is awarded and accepted, it is with the understanding that your commitment is as follows:

- You will work to complete your project within two calendar years of the award.
- You will attend two after school sessions on Teacher Research. One session will be held in May after funds have been awarded and accepted. The second session will be held in September of 2009.
- You will monitor your project budget and provide regular updates as necessary.
- You will share your work at the building level in a manner agreed upon with your administrator.
- You will share your work at the district level during an Institute Day.
- You will present a summary of your work to the Winnetka Public Schools Foundation at an annual meeting.
- You will apply to present your research and findings at either a local or national conference.
- You will submit your research and findings for publishing consideration on either the local or national level.

Please indicate your acceptance of these expectations with your signature (and the signature of all project team members) in the space below. All applicants must indicate agreement with these expectations in order to be considered for an award.

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Name Date

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**NOTE: The remainder of this application may be completed in the space provided OR on separate sheets of paper. If you elect to complete the application on separate sheets of paper, please provide a response to each prompt. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**



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**SECTION IV: RESEARCH QUESTION**

What are you interested in investigating? Please detail your questions of interest as fully as possible. It is understood that you may have several possible avenues for exploration and that your essential question may change as your work progresses.

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**SECTION V: PURPOSE OF RESEARCH**

Why are you interested in this question or these questions? How will you work to answer these areas of interest benefit your teaching, your students, and/or our learning community?

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**SECTION VI: PROJECT DESIGN**

Please provide a brief description of your research methodology. How do you believe you will conduct your work? What steps do you believe will be necessary for you to answer your research questions? It is understood that these steps may need to be altered or changed throughout the course of your work.

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**SECTION VII: PROJECTED AUDIENCE**

Who is your work designed to support? What group or groups of people will benefit from the knowledge and expertise you will gain through your project? How will your work make an impact and contribution?

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*Demonstrate initiative!*

*Cultivate innovation!*

*Move beyond business as usual!*



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**SECTION X: SHARING YOUR WORK**

Once your research project is complete, how do you anticipate that you will share your findings? Are there scholarly journals that you would like to target? Are there conferences that you would like to work toward presenting at? Detail your interests in sharing your knowledge and expertise.

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**Thank you for your interest in a teacher research grant! We look forward to reviewing your application and strive to fund as much work throughout the district as possible.**

