

## **FEE Grant Criteria**

**Applications must be submitted for all grant requests, regardless of prior funding. The following criteria will be considered in reviewing proposals for funding by the Foundation for Educational Excellence:**

The proposal shall have clear goals that fit with the Foundation for Educational Excellence Mission Statement.

*The purpose of the Foundation for Educational Excellence, a nonprofit organization, is to promote educational enrichment, foster community awareness, and encourage individual and corporate involvement in the educational life of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. The Foundation identifies appropriate educational programs and activities in the arts, the humanities, and the sciences, and seeks funds to support them and assists in their implementation.*

Programs shall have significant value. Significant value is defined as:

*Students experience lifelong educational experiences by taking what is learned from the programs and applying it to other aspects of their life, now and in the future. Programs shall facilitate the students' appreciation and exposure to ideas, concepts, experiences, or things that they may not be exposed to such as music, different cultures and ways of life.*

### **FEE Programs**

- Shall be creative, innovative and enrich the curriculum.
- Shall complement/support the curriculum frameworks.
- Shall provide an opportunity for innovative community educational programs.
- Shall facilitate school, school staff, or community networking and involvement.
- Shall include a process for evaluation and an opportunity for participants and staff to give feedback about what was accomplished.
- Shall include a completed budget form with estimated or actual expenses. Proposals should be written clearly, concisely and need to describe how the funding will be used.

## **FEE Policies**

- Grant recipients shall include the Foundation for Educational Excellence in any advertising or literature promoting the project or program.
- If an applicant is submitting a proposal by email, in lieu of the principal's signature, FEE will require a brief statement of approval emailed by the principal. If the applicant is not employed by the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, a brief statement of approval from the cooperating teacher will be required.
- Because FEE supports educational programs and activities, FEE does not fund food.
- FEE will review the following categories on a case by case basis: Admission fees, travel, equipment and multi-year programs. (Multi-year programs are distinguished from repeat grants. Multi-year programs build and improve on previous programs. Generally FEE is hesitant to fund "repeat grants", however would consider on a case by case basis.)
- FEE will consider the number of students to benefit from a program on a case by case basis.
- FEE requires significant lead time to process mini-grants- at least 3 weeks is needed for the committee to process grant requests.