

****Application deadlines: 1st of each month****

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Milford Central School Education Foundation, Inc. Foundational Grant Application INFO SHEET

OVERVIEW

MEF financially supports innovative solutions to needs or issues in the MCS community and educational experiences that help students/faculty/staff understand the world in new and creative ways. These projects and initiatives must somehow enhance the school experience of the MCS community through scholastic achievement and/or educational opportunities, and must align with both MEF's mission/goals/values and those of MCS.

Grant seekers will complete the **Foundational Grant Application** in full and submit it to the MEF office by the 1st of the month. Prior to submission, applications will be reviewed by MCS administration to determine if any school resources can be allocated towards the project. Applicants then present their application to the MEF Board and its members for Q&A. Projects/Initiatives are evaluated with the missions of MEF and MCS, as well as the following criteria, in mind:

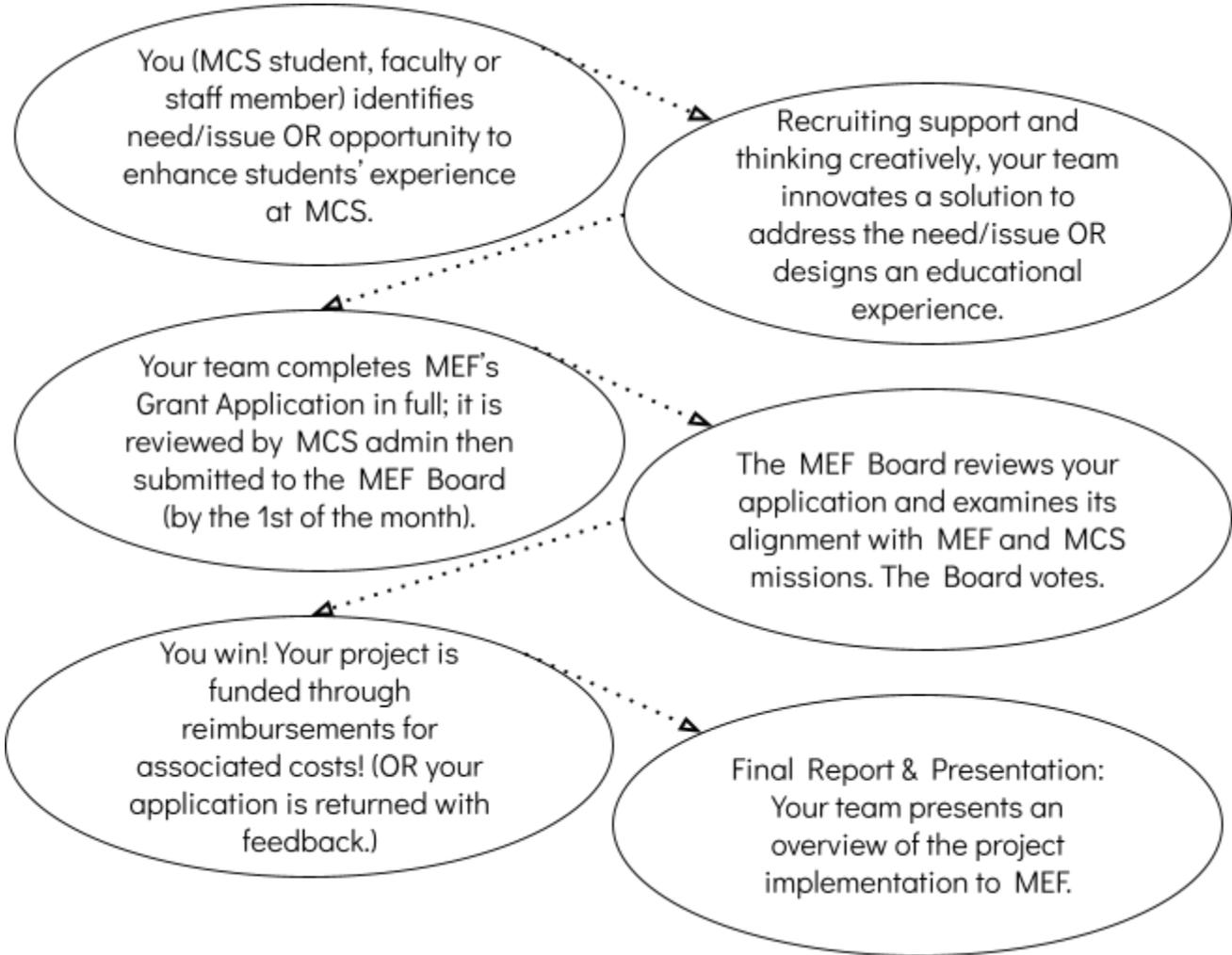
The project should:

- Enhance the *educational¹ experiences* of MCS students
- Benefit more than one student (*preferred - benefit more than one class or grade*)
- Demonstrate sustainability/can be utilized more than once
- Demonstrate innovation, creativity, and outside-the-box thinking
- Note attempts to source alternate or additional funding outside of MEF

¹ Educational = social, emotional, cognitive, physical, academic, cultural, etc.

The MEF Board will then vote to support the project or return the application to the applicant with feedback. If chosen, MEF will provide financial support to Grantees through reimbursement of costs associated with the project. Grantees **must** submit receipts for expenditures. Grantees are also expected to **present a Final Report and Presentation to MEF** that includes details of the project implementation and provides testimonials.

The basic process is as follows:



IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Please explore additional funding sources. When possible, MEF prefers to partner with other organizations to fund community projects.
 2. Applications will not be considered for more than one round of grants. You must reapply with revisions based on feedback to be reconsidered.
 3. Partially submitted proposals or alterations to submitted proposals may delay review.
 4. Project managers **MUST** provide required receipts for expenditures of grant funds or will be ineligible to receive future grant awards.
 5. Project managers **MUST** provide the required Final Report and Presentation to the MEF Board within a reasonable time after implementation or will be ineligible to receive future grant awards.
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REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION

MEF Purpose: Provide innovative programs and resources designed to enhance the education experience and opportunities within the Milford Central School District.

- Supplement the funding of District programs and projects which are not presently being supported by public financing at a basic level.
- Finance projects outside the annual District budget, which could not be initiated without supplemental financing
- Enhancement of opportunities

MCS District Goals:

- ★ Goal 1: MCS will provide all students with equitable access to experiences and educational opportunities that cultivate student engagement, accountability, safety and well-being.
- ★ Goal 2: MCS students will develop essential skills at each grade through an engaging and rigorous curriculum, the support of a highly qualified staff and an invested school community.
- ★ Goal 3: MCS will research and study methods to reach all members of the community within the district to ensure they are informed and offered opportunities to engage with the school community.

Completed applications should be sent to:

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