



District 158 Education Foundation

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Teachers Awarded Over \$4k in Grants from District 158 Education Foundation

ALGONQUIN, IL – Members of the District 158 Education Foundation recently distributed **\$4,567.14** in to Huntley Community School District 158 teachers to support a wide range of innovative efforts to transform students' learning experiences during the current school year and beyond.

This year, the foundation received 15 applications with requests for support of projects totaling \$38,985. The proposals ranged from requests for: games to increase team building through critical thinking and complex problem solving skills; materials to create electronic components from research through development; technical effects equipment for theatre performances and teaching; and alternative seating options for students. Several teachers collaborated and submitted proposals as a team.

“With so many great submissions this year, it was difficult to select the grants to be funded. The committee worked to stretch the dollars across the District in an effort to impact as many students as possible,” said one committee member.

2016-17 Teacher Grant Awards:

<u>Illinois Holocaust Museum Field Trip</u> Marlowe Middle School Submitted by Ms. Dawn Mahaffy on behalf of 8 th grade teachers	\$1,500.00
<u>Illinois Holocaust Museum Field Trip</u> Heineman Middle School Submitted by Ms. Karen Fuesz on behalf of 8 th grade teachers	\$870.00
<u>Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (GEMS) Workshop</u> Huntley High School STEM – Girls in Grade 8 Submitted by Ms. Amanda Henk & Ms. Michelle Zietlow	\$800.00
<u>“Time Timers for Executive Function”</u> Martin Elementary & Leggee SNAP Program Submitted by Mrs. Debra Ryan	\$622.14
<u>Keva Blocks for Team Building</u> Marlowe Middle School Submitted by Mrs. Debra Ruben on behalf of Team 8-4 teachers	\$550.00
<u>Math Team Contest Fees</u> Huntley High School – Math Team Students Submitted by Mrs. Laura Jenkins	\$225.00

Applications not selected for funding have been placed online to provide an opportunity for businesses, community members, and anonymous donors to adopt and fund even more innovative ideas. Visit the Fund-A-Need Program requests page at www.district158.org/education-foundation.

Through volunteer efforts and funding from individuals and businesses, the Foundation helps to inspire teaching and learning, by providing resources for innovative and creative instructional ideas that enrich and enhance the educational opportunities for our students.

Established in 2003, the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization operating independently from the District 158 Board of Education. Supporting D158 teachers is part of their core mission. The Teacher Grants Program aims to recognize and encourage the work teachers do to inspire learning by supporting a broad range of innovative student experiences and by enhancing learning opportunities for all students.

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of business and community leaders, parents, teachers and staff members working to support District 158 schools by advocating for excellence in education, connecting schools and our communities, and supporting students and teachers. The Foundation is committed to increasing both the number and funding amounts of grants as the Foundation continues to grow.

Funding for the grants and other programs is made possible through annual fund raising events and by donations to the District 158 Education Foundation. Tax-deductible donations for the Teacher Grants Program may be submitted to: District 158 Education Foundation, 650 Academic Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102.

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