Is there something you'd like to learn to do or learn more about?

Do you have a conference you want to go to?

Have you been studying something and want to do more?

What project do you want to put in place?

Is special equipment needed?

A class you want to take?

A hobby or activity you'd like to explore?

Admission fees for off-campus learning at educational venues?

What experiment do you want to try?

Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation

Vicksburg Students:

Do you want to…

Learn, do,
make something, or
go someplace?

CURIOSITY GRANTS

Look inside to find out how to get money for your learning project.

Complete the form below and answer the questions on a separate piece of a paper(s).
Briefly describe the project goals, explain the activities you will do, and list the resources you intend to use to accomplish the project goals(s).

1. List the activities you have been involved in that are related to this project.
2. List the benefits of this project for you as well as for the Community, School District, and other individual students—be specific.
3. State the timeline for completion for you project.
4. Please list total expenses for your project—be specific.
5. Please state the amount of funding you are requesting from the VCSF.
6. Please provide detail on how you will earn additional funds. (Examples: job, car wash, bake sale, other activities.)

Note: Equipment purchased entirely with grant monies will become the property of Vicksburg community Schools. Ownership of partially funded items must be determined in advance.

Name:_____ Date:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____

School:_____ Grade:_____ Age:_____

Adult Mentor:_____ Mentor's Phone:_____

Adult Mentor Signature:_____

Building Principal Authorization:_____

The Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation (VCSF) is pleased to offer a "Curiosity Grant" opportunity for students in the Vicksburg Schools. Grants will generally be in amounts varying from $50.00 to $250.00; however, it is possible that projects may be considered for larger amount as funding allows.

GRANTS MUST BE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND WE ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY.

Guidelines for Students in Grades 6-12

1. Individual students must submit an application form. You may get assistance from an adult but the idea and plan need to be yours.
2. Grant requests to attend camps will not be considered.
3. You may apply each year; however, you may receive a lower priority consideration than first-time requests.
4. If you do not complete the project, the monies will be returned to the Foundation.
5. Grant requests for trips may be considered under the following circumstances:
   - The money is to be used only for the cost of the activity, not for lodging, transportation, or food.
   - The trip or activity is not primarily recreational in nature.
   - Trips will be considered which are one of a kind (not recurring) and which fulfill a unique curiosity, not normally addressed in curriculum.
   - Funds will not normally be awarded to individuals participating in a group trip, but may be requested to defray costs on behalf of the group.
6. After you have completed the project, you must inform the Foundation of your results. A written summary (with photographs or video if possible) would be helpful.

Guidelines for Students in Grades Pre-K—5

For Individuals and Groups of Students

1. A teacher or other adult may submit an application on behalf of an individual student or a group of students.
2. If a group of students is applying, one or more contact students need to be named, along with the name of their classroom teacher.
3. Grant requests to attend camps will not be considered.
4. As part of the application, the adult will need to show how they will inform the Foundation on the results of the activity, specifically:
   - What activities took place.
   - The learning objective and how it was met.
   - A brief written summary (with photographs or video if possible) would be helpful.
5. Curiosity grants may be applied for student field trips on the following conditions:
   - The money is to be used for paying for the activity itself.
   - The trip or activity is not primarily recreational in nature.
   - Repeat trip requests may get lower priority as well as those that benefit the same group of students over a number of years (for instance a request for a trip for the first grade class Elementary X in one year and then a request for the second grade class for Elementary X the next year).
   - Highest priority will be given to those trips that fulfill a unique curiosity, not normally addressed in the curriculum, as well as groups that have not had grants for trips before.
6. If you do not complete the project, the monies must be returned to the Foundation.

For more information, please visit our website at www.vicksburgcommityschools.org/vcs-foundation or call the foundation office at 269-321-1006.

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