



KIDS Grants

Guidelines and Instructions

Background

The District 181 Foundation is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of each child in District 181. Education takes on many forms. Community service can be a powerful learning opportunity, asking students to see a need in the world around them, determine what they can do to help, ask for support to carry out their ideas, and then see that idea come to fruition. Through KIDS Grants ("Kids Initiating a Difference in Society"), individual students will be given seed money to help put their ideas into action and make their schools, communities, or the world a better place to live.

Instructions

1. Download the KIDS Grant Application Form from www.d181foundation.org. The form may be printed and filled out manually or downloaded, typed directly on the electronic form and saved.

2. Fill out the application form completely. Your completed application should clearly answer all these questions:

WHY: What is the purpose of your proposal? What problem are you trying to help solve, and who will you be benefiting? *Remember all grants must benefit others and/or environment. No grants will be accepted that result in direct personal gain. Check out examples of approved grants at www.d181foundation.org.*

WHAT: What activity will you be doing? What are the key tasks you need to accomplish? *KIDS grants may not be used for pass-through donations to charities. Students must carry out an activity related to the grant.*

WHO: Who will be working with you? An adult sponsor must sign the application. Will other students be involved? How many? *KIDS Grants are open to all District 181 students and do not need to be carried out at school. They may be used to support a project through any organization a student participates in, i.e., scouts, school clubs, religious groups, other nonprofits, or community groups. Adult sponsors may be a teacher, parent, scout leader, or any other student group leader.*

WHEN: When are the proposed activities expected to take place? Are there any time constraints the Foundation needs to know about?

WHERE: Where will the activities happen?

HOW MUCH: Provide an estimated budget that provides details about the expected costs. *The maximum amount Awarded for a KIDS Grant is \$150. KIDS Grants must be used to support student activities and cannot be a direct donation to another organization.*

3. Submit your application to the District 181 Foundation.

Paper applications can be scanned and emailed to kidsgrant@d181foundation.org or mailed to District 181 Foundation, PO Box 715, Hinsdale, IL 60522.

Electronic applications should be emailed to KIDSGrant@d181foundation.org.

Applications may be submitted throughout the year and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds are limited, so submit your application early. Applicants will receive a response within two weeks of applying.

4. Complete the Follow-up Report when the activity is finished and submit it to the District 181 Foundation.

Any questions? Please contact the District 181 Foundation by sending an email to KIDSGrant@d181foundation.org.