



## Grant Request Criteria Spring 2015

The Bedford County Chamber Foundation is now accepting Spring 2015 Grant Applications.

Through project grants, the Bedford County Chamber Foundation disburses funds for Education and Community Development projects that will directly stimulate economic development within areas of Bedford County.

The Foundation currently supports scholarship funds for **Leadership Bedford County**, a program which is designed to enhance community leadership by challenging and preparing individuals from diverse backgrounds to assume active and effective roles in addressing the needs of the community.

Selection for scholarship funding is based on the need of the candidate who has expressed a sincere desire and a commitment to the 10 month program.

The Foundation also supports **BASICS (Businesses And Schools Investing in Cooperative Solutions)**, a program designed to build the partnership between Business and education that promotes career advancement of our local talent.

The BASICS program has been approved as an Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. As such, the Foundation has funds to disburse that meet the criteria established by that department.

To be eligible for EITC funds, a project must be an innovative educational program that is not part of the regular academic program of a public school but enhances the curriculum or the program of the public school.

1. An “innovative educational program” is an advanced academic or similar program that is not part of the regular academic program of a public school but that enhances the curriculum or academic program of the public school.
2. A “public school” is a public kindergarten, elementary school or secondary school (including an area vocational technical school) at which the compulsory attendance requirements of this Commonwealth may be met and which meets the applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. The instruction, programs or other activities offered by or through an innovative educational program may include, but are not limited to, any of the following characteristics:
  - a. integration with the instructional program of the public school.
  - b. supplements, reconstructs or involves a major revision to the curriculum or academic program of the public school.

- c. provides a different focus, delivery, including internet-based and distance learning technologies, methodology or skill training than is provided in a typical academic program of a public school.
- d. offered separately from the public school curriculum or academic program.
- e. offered before or after public school hours, on weekends, as a year-round program and/or as an extension of the public school year.
- f. offered as a standards-based program of instruction that operates outside of the length and time requirements of the public school, but which meets the minimum hours or days of instruction required by state law.
- g. use of specialized instructional materials, instructors or instruction not provided by a public school.
- h. use of internships and other work-based learning opportunities for a student that supplements the curriculum or academic program of a student and provides a student with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills learned in the academic program.
- i. offers instruction or programming that provides credits/advanced placement at a two-year or four-year college or university authorized by the Department of Education.
- j. reconfiguring, renovating or equipping a facility that is owned by a public school in order to create a specialized environment that is integral and necessary to the operation of an innovative educational program.

Applications for funding for projects other than the ones described above will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Board of Trustees of the Bedford County Chamber Foundation. Each request will be reviewed for its relevance to the mission of the Foundation.

Grant Applications will be accepted in October and May of each school year. Recurring programs which are regional in scope may be considered for multiple-year funding, as available. Individual school programs will be evaluated by the Foundation Board for relevance to the mission of the Foundation, and, if necessary, will be prioritized based on previous grant awards to allow the Foundation to assist in educational programs throughout Bedford County.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SPRING 2014 GRANT:  
May 15, 2015**

**APPLICATION ATTACHED**





# Bedford County Chamber Foundation Grant Application Form

Please type or print all information

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received funding from the Chamber Foundation before? Y/N

If so, in what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What amount(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project start/end dates \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Projected Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a recurring project or program? (circle one) Yes or No

If Yes (circle one): Each Semester or Annual

Is this project/program regional in scope? (circle one) Yes or No

How many students are impacted by this project/program? \_\_\_\_\_

List the school district(s) whose students will benefit \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of other funding sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INFORMATION TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY FOR EITC FUNDING**

Is the program an “innovative educational program” that is an advanced academic or similar program that is not part of the regular academic program of a public school? (circle one)                      Yes    No

Does the program enhance the curriculum or academic program of the public school? (circle one)                      Yes    No

Please answer the following questions and attach your responses on a separate piece(s) of paper.

Provide a brief description of your organization.

Describe the mission of this project, the current need, problem or opportunity and how grant funds will address these issues.

Describe how this project will enhance your organization’s mission.

Describe how your organization will judge the effectiveness of this program.

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**Please Return Application to:**

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