



ENHANCING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

GUIDELINES FOR “Power to Improve” GRANTS to Student Clubs

The WCHS Educational Foundation will consider requests from Cluster students or student clubs to help fund projects, programs or activities initiated, planned and executed by Cluster students that will improve the Churchill cluster or the local community for current or future Bulldogs !

Purpose

The Foundation will provide grants up to \$500 to encourage student-directed projects that seek to improve or benefit the Churchill Cluster and/or community.

Eligibility

Any club or group of students is eligible to submit a proposal to the Foundation. The club sponsor or teacher must approve all applications before being submission to the Educational Foundation.

Focus

Examine the positives and negatives of the WCHS Cluster and ways to improve. What makes the Churchill Cluster great? What could our cluster/your school improve? What needs to change in our Cluster in order to create a better environment? What do students feel are lacking in our Cluster? Can we help the other schools in the cluster? What can we do to help/improve the Potomac community?

The project should examine one or more of these questions and make a proposal to improve the Churchill Cluster.

Examples of Issues that may be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Social Interaction (ex. diversity)
- Environmental issues (ex. trash left after lunch)
- Stress
- Education Process (student/teacher relationships)
- Tutoring in cluster schools to help close achievement gap

Guidelines

- Students must demonstrate how their endeavor focuses on school improvement.
- Students must provide a budget for their proposal, including funds that may be received from other sources and any anticipated income. The grant cannot exceed \$500.
- In situations where projects may generate income (*such as through ticket sales*), students should include in their proposal how any income in excess of expenses would be used or where it would be donated. In some cases, Foundation funds may be considered loans to the extent that such income covers expenses.
- The Foundation will require documentation of expenses.
- Students must provide a written report of their project after completion, before expenses are reimbursed.
- The awarding of grants is solely at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.*
- The best ideas (*ideas that will lead to a new and improved Cluster, impact lots of people and include new people in the mix*) will be eligible for school-wide recognition.

Application Process

- Complete a “Power to Improve” Grant application which can be downloaded from www.wchsfoundation.org and submit it to the WCHS Ed. Foundation in the Main Office.
- Funding requests will be considered on a rolling basis, subject to the availability of funds.