

SAMPLE MEEMIC FOUNDATION TRADITIONAL GRANT APPLICATION

This sample application is for reference only. To apply for a traditional grant, you must be a Meemic Foundation Club Member and use the online application form accessible through your Club account.

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Please note that your school leader will receive a copy of this grant application.

Project Title: A School Garden to Feed Hungry Minds

Total Dollar Amount Requested: \$357

1. Describe the proposed project in detail. Be sure to include the anticipated timeline for your project.

A healthy mind for learning gets its nourishment from a healthy body! Because we strongly believe in this, our school is seeking to develop a school garden program beginning September, xxxx. The garden will be “worked” throughout the 20XX-XX school year as a living classroom to drive lessons from earth science, ecosystems, mathematics and weather patterns, as well as to build community and social skill sets, and at the end of the day (harvest time!), to embrace the power of a healthy lifestyle.

2. State what specific educational need(s) or goal(s) this project addresses. Please describe the target student population and the number that will be impacted by this project. How will the students benefit from this project?

Our community of teachers sees this as a cross-curricular initiative that will drive school pride, provide practical and direct learning through applied lessons in environment issues and life sciences, and individual enrichment through learning good nutrition where students can see the direct results of their decisions and actions. Our school has 294 students and 18 teachers. Regardless of the income levels, the vast majority of our students struggle in understanding what a good diet is and even less, the impact on their health and their ability to learn. Our plans are to engage the entire student body – all grade levels.

3. How will you measure the success of your project?

Student engagement will be key to the success of the program – we will benchmark 60% student involvement (active in the upkeep/maintenance throughout the school year) as our first-year target. Keeping the parents regularly informed and excited about the progress will also be key to helping drive student engagement. Exhibited success (a producing garden!) should lead to a rise in involvement year-to-year. If we see a lower number than 30%, our plans will be to reassess the program to make necessary tweaks.

4. Please describe how this project is sustainable or replicable in the future.

Once the raised gardens are built, we expect annual costs will be limited to seeds and maintenance costs (soil, fertilizer, replacement tools). Our plans are to fund what we have deemed as minimal costs through local donations, selling produce from our gardens and fundraising activities with our PTO (which we have received pre-approval of their support for maintenance costs for the garden).

5. Please provide your budget detail as it relates to the dollar amount requested above. Grants without a detailed budget will not be considered. Please note that grants can only fund direct grant expenses.

Our plans are to produce four (4) raised gardens. Soil, seeds and some tools will be donated by our local garden center (Wade Flower & Garden) so our grant budget needs are for the lumber (\$122), building materials for the beds – nails, wire, screws (\$55), garden tools – trowels, shovels, gloves (\$127), and watering cans & soaker hoses (\$53).

We will be announcing the final status of your grant application on December 4. Please provide the best email and phone number to reach you:

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