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Grant Application Information for The Skyрман Techno Fund

About the Fund

The Skyрман Techno Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation was established by Wally Skyрман to provide financial resources to science and industrial arts teachers (grades 4-12) and other youth program instructors in Jackson County.

The purpose of this fund is to support programs that engage students in innovative, hands-on, educational activities, giving students practical skills that enable them to use tools in order to do things for themselves.

Examples of programs of interest to this fund include: bike repair, cooking or sewing, robotics, home maintenance skills, gps navigation, agri-science, and other programs where something is engineered or constructed.

In Wally's words: "I was thinking about some of the things that I participated in as a youngster that led me on to satisfying experiences later in life. As an 8th grader I was chose to attend a series of weekend classes with 12 other students, leading to an amateur radio license. I was interested in such things but had no one at home that knew where I should begin. Nine years later, I was teaching Technical Arts and the Medford Mid High and was able to share with students my enthusiasm for doing practical things with our hands. Currently, I find that these student experiences are being limited by several factors often created by lack of funding. This fund is my attempt to pay back to society for those who have helped me in my life's journey."

Eligibility

- Grants will be given to projects serving youth in Jackson County only
- Applicants must be teachers (grades 4-12) or youth program instructors/mentors at nonprofit organizations or government agencies
- Projects must be hands-on
- Preference is given to projects that bring students together to work collaboratively
- Preference is given to project that have a practical application in a career or technical field
- Preference is given to extra-curricular activities, although classroom activities will be considered
- Preference is given to projects that can be replicated by other instructors in other settings

- Requests should range from \$250 to \$1,000
- Not eligible for funding are: administrative costs or overhead fees, substitute teacher fees, professional development, and replacement funding for school district, state or federal funds
- Each eligible applicant must complete The Skyrman Techno Fund Application Form and submit it electronically in order for his/her project to be considered

Deadlines

Applications are reviewed two times each year: the deadlines are October 1 and March 1.

Applicants are notified of decisions and grants are paid approximately two months after each deadline (approximately December 1 and May 1).

Grant recipients will have one year from the date to funding to implement their project and six months after that to submit a report on the outcome(s) of the project, including financial expenditures.

To Apply

To apply, complete The Skyrman Techno Fund Application Form and submit it electronically to acuddy@oregoncf.org. There is no need to send in a hard copy.

Questions

If you have questions, please call Amy Cuddy at 541-773-8987 or e-mail her at acuddy@oregoncf.org