

### **Overview and Eligibility**

In 2002, an anonymous donor established the Music Education endowed fund to enhance the quality of music education programs in K-12 schools located in the St. Croix Valley (including Washington and Chisago Counties in Minnesota and Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties in Wisconsin).

To be eligible, the applicant must be a public or private school. Nonprofit arts organizations may *not* apply for a music education grant directly but may work with a school to take the lead. Applicants must have no outstanding final reports due to the St. Croix Valley Foundation for previous music education grants.

### **Funding Criteria**

Grants may provide funds for materials such as sheet music, instruments, and other items; guest artists and instructors; community outreach; concerts; composition; and inter or intra school collaborations.

The Foundation will review proposals using the following criteria:

- The extent a project is innovative or demonstrates creativity.
- The proposal demonstrates a clear need for the project.
- The project will have an impact on the students participating in the program.
- The project will have a broader impact on the quality or availability of music education programming in the St. Croix Valley.
- There is a clearly defined plan and achievable goals, activities and timeline.
- The budget is realistic, the project is financially feasible and budget details are provided.

### **Eligible Expenses**

Grant funds must be expended within one year from the date of the award. Grant funds may supplement, but not replace, schools' music education budgets. SCVF gives preference to hands-on vocal or musical activities over technological innovations.

Grant funds may *not* be used for scholarships for individuals, uniforms, staff salaries or expenses already incurred by the applicant.

### **Grant Range**

Grants can range from \$500 to \$5,000. Proposals may be awarded partial funding.

### **Proposal Limits**

Applicants may submit more than one proposal to the music education grant program, understanding that the Foundation intends to spread these grants over as wide a geographic area as possible.

An applicant may submit a proposal for another SCVF grant program during the same grant cycle if they are eligible.

### **Decision-Making Process**

A panel reviews proposals in a closed meeting. Decisions in all grant programs follow an established review process and are made according to a conflict of interest policy.

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