

E. F. Johnson Foundation Grant Guidelines

Applications due by September 30th to Waseca Area Foundation

Focus Areas

E. F. Johnson Foundation focuses all its grant-making on organizations and programs in Minnesota. The Waseca County area gets special consideration because it is the birthplace of the foundation.

- The E. F. Johnson Foundation concentrates about 60% of its budget on education, principally scholarships and programs for secondary (7-12) school students, which may include staff training for specialized technological curriculum.
- The foundation's secondary interest is human services and arts and cultural programs where it focuses about 40% of its budget.
- The E. F. Johnson Foundation prefers to provide funds for programs rather than capital grants. Contributions intended for capital, endowments, contingencies, reserve purposes or deficit reduction are not generally favored.

Guidelines

Programs must fit into one of the foundation's focus areas and meet the following guidelines:

- Eligible organizations must be classified by the IRS as tax-exempt governmental bodies or non-profit organizations (501(c) 3) and maintain adequate accounting procedures.
- All grants are made in accordance with current regulations of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Pledges are made for one year at a time unless there are special circumstances.
- The foundation in consultation with the Waseca Area Foundation Board reserves the right to shift its focus in response to the needs of the community.
- Grant requests are due September 30th.

Exclusions

The foundation will not approve grants for these organizations or purposes:

- Religious or political organizations.
- Capital campaigns.
- Organizations less than a year old that do not have broad community support.
- Health-related programs.
- National or local fundraising campaigns, ticket sales, fundraising dinners or similar activities.
- National foundations or general funds.
- Travel, conferences or administrative costs, unless travel is a part of the cost to participate in educational competitions; e.g. Science Olympiad.
- Individuals.

Evaluation

The Grants Committee of the Waseca Area Foundation evaluates all grant requests to the EFJF. The committee meets in October, and the awards are announced in November.

- Extent to which the program meets the foundation's guidelines and fits into focus areas.
- Capacity of the requesting organizations to achieve the desired results.
- Adequacy and availability of additional sources of funding for the proposed program. Matching assistance is desirable.
- Likelihood of program success and sustenance.
- Availability and quality of the applicant's plan for evaluating the results of the program.
- Potential impacts of the program on the citizens of the Waseca County area.