



The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc.

South Brunswick Board of Education Office
Education Foundation Grant Committee
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2019-20 JOANNE KEREKES ARTS GRANT

Joanne Kerekes devoted over 40 years of her career to education, and specifically over a quarter of a century to the South Brunswick School District, guiding the district to be the high achieving and innovative district it is today. She serves as an inspiration to all who worked with and for her. Joanne has a very special affection for the arts, music, library media and technology, and her support of those programs has left an unmistakable legacy.

In recognition of Joanne's contributions to our district and in keeping with her special interests, the South Brunswick Education Foundation created the Joanne Kerekes Arts (JKA) Grant. This grant will annually award of up to \$1,000 for proposals for a project, program, study, or initiative that promotes collaboration, inspiration, creativity, inquiry, integration of the arts (fine, practical or performing) and/or innovative use of technology related to the arts, literature and/or the humanities.

The application for the JKA Grant will be available each school year with the Grant application process limited to one per school year. **Only one JKA Grant will be awarded each year and the maximum award will be \$1000. This Grant can be instituted anytime during the 2019-2020 school year.**

- Deadline for submission: Friday, November 1, 2019
- Please send completed, signed applications to the South Brunswick Board of Education Office, c/o Education Foundation Grant Committee. Grant approval will be announced by December 31, 2019.
- The JKA Grantee(s) will be required to submit a short final report form, detailing project outcomes and expenditures to the Foundation upon completion of the project(s).
- JKA Grantee(s) must transmit recognition of the Grant to classroom parents and guardians, within a reasonable time upon receipt of the grant funds.
- JKA Grantee(s) will also be required to present their project idea and outcomes in a short statement or video at a South Brunswick Board of Education meeting. (Fall 2020). If the grantee is unable to attend the meeting, they should assure a representative is available to make the presentation, e.g., building Principal.

Please take a moment to review the attached Grant Criteria and the Foundation's Mission Statement. The committee will consider the following with regard to the applications submitted:

1. This application is for a project, program, study, or initiative involving the arts (fine, practical or performing), literature and/or the humanities.
2. Is the statement of the proposal project clear?
3. Are the objectives clearly stated? Are the methods, needed materials, resource personnel, tentative schedule, and completion date specified?
4. Is the budget request reasonable and sufficiently detailed?
5. Is the project creative and/or innovative?
6. Are the project's learning outcomes clearly defined and is there a workable method for their assessment?
7. Does the application meet the stated Grant Criteria? Does the nature of the project fall within the Foundation's Mission?

The Foundation will review the JKA Grant application and will take one of three actions: 1) approve the application for funding; 2) return the application with suggestions for resubmission, or 3) not approve the application.

Thank you for your interest in the Foundation and for all your efforts on behalf of the students of the South Brunswick School District. On behalf of our Trustees we look forward to receiving your application.

JOANNE KEREKES ARTS (JKA) GRANT CRITERIA and NOTES

Grant Criteria:

1. Must be in congruence with the Foundation's mission (see below).
2. Must relate to the Foundation's stated goals.
3. May include fees to bring in outside experts or artists; it cannot pay salaries or stipends to school personnel.
4. Must be innovative and/or a creative approach to delivering or extending the curriculum.
5. May include equipment or materials but only if they directly provide the means to achieve the educational outcomes stated in the application.
6. Must conform to the dollar-award guidelines (see application).
7. Must be completed within the current school year (or near the beginning of the next school year).
8. Funds must not be available from traditional sources (school budget, PTO, PTA, etc.).

Curriculum/Program Note:

All grant requests for Professional Development must be aligned with district curriculum. If you have any questions in regards to this stipulation, please contact your content supervisor, Director of Professional Development, or Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Technology Note:

If grant request involves technology, the request must be compliant with the Technology Standards and the District Technology Plan. This will ensure compatibility with the existing district equipment and that the Tech Department can support and maintain the technology. Please include the cost of a warranty. If you have any questions on tech requests, please contact the Director of Technology.

Please Note:

Any equipment and/or materials purchased with Grant money from The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc., become the property of the South Brunswick School District immediately upon purchase.

MISSION STATEMENT of the Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc.

It is the mission of The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc. (a non-profit corporation) to promote and provide educational support and opportunities through innovative programs and projects. The organization will fulfill its mission by attracting and allocating financial and in-kind gifts of goods and services to and for the students of the South Brunswick School District.

The Foundation will carry out its mission by focusing its support in the following areas:

Enhancing Student Development & School Facilities:

Providing funds for learning activities that supplement, complement and augment the basic educational program and providing equipment and facilities not funded through other means.

Encouraging excellence through creative learning and teaching:

Providing venture capital for creative ideas and programs and supporting the professional growth of staff.

Promoting community/school partnership:

Promoting community awareness of educational challenges and solutions, developing innovative programs to address the needs of students of the South Brunswick School District and the community it serves and providing avenues for individuals, businesses and organizations to share resources and gifts with the South Brunswick School District.

Section A - NEED:

1. What classroom/school need, problem or opportunity does the proposed project address?

Section B - PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. What are your objectives? Please include specific learning outcomes.

2. Describe the projects activities you wish to undertake. Address what you will do, who will do it, what resources will be required, and where project activities will take place. Include a time schedule conforming to the one-year time frame.

3. Approximately how many students will be affected by this project?

Section C - EVALUATION:

1. How will you determine whether the project has successfully met your objectives? Describe specific means of evaluation.

2. What will happen to the project at the conclusion of the grant?

Section D - HISTORY:

1. If you have implemented other projects in the past to address this need, please describe them, where the funding was obtained, and a short evaluation of the results.
