

Natick Education Foundation
2009
Life Skills for the 21st Century
Application Form

COVER SHEET

Title of Proposal: _____

Primary Applicant (must be teacher, staff member, or administrator in Natick Public Schools. Primary Applicant assumes responsibility for the implementation of the project.)

Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone and/or email and preference: _____

Address: _____

Additional Applicant(s) (*optional*) (need not be a teacher, staff member, or administrator):

Name of School(s) and/or Group(s): _____

Grade(s) Involved: _____

Total Amount Requested: _____ **Total Project Cost:** _____

Primary Applicant signature: _____ **Co-Applicant signatures, if applicable:** _____

Principal's signature: I support this application

_____ Date

Send ten (10) copies of this sheet and attached project description to:
NEF, PO Box 2221, Natick, MA 01760, Attn: Grants
Or submit via website: [www:NatickEdFoundation.org](http://www.NatickEdFoundation.org)
Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2008.

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PROPOSAL

On separate pages, describe the proposed project as it relates to the categories below. If a category is not applicable, indicate with N/A. Please include any other information you think the committee will find useful.

1. Abstract

Please summarize the proposal in 2-3 sentences.

2. Project Description

State the goal(s) and objective(s) of the project.

Describe the proposed project or purchase.

How will you achieve the goals and objectives?

Describe the proposed assessment of the project: How will you know if you were successful?

3. Curriculum

Describe the relationship of the proposed project to the curriculum framework of the Natick Public Schools.

4. Applicant(s)

Describe the prior classroom or other relevant professional experience of the applicant(s) that relate to the proposal.

5. Benefits

Who will benefit from this project, and how?

How many students will be reached directly by this project?

What is the cost per student reached?

How many students will be reached indirectly and/or in the long-term by this project?

Will you be able to share your experience with other teachers, students and schools in Natick? How?

6. Funding

Are you applying for other sources of funding? If so, please provide details. Is NEF funding a one-time investment, or will additional funding be necessary to maintain the project? How will any needed additional funding be secured?

7. Budget

Provide a specific itemization of the costs of implementing the project.

If the total budget is not funded, can the project be redesigned to fit a smaller budget? If so, how?

8. Continuation

If this project is a continuation or extension of an ongoing program, how will NEF funds enhance the program?

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Judging Criteria for ALL Applications

I. Basic Standards:

- Application must comply with qualifying standards, as above.
- The proposed project's goal, objectives, and methods must be clearly stated, appropriate, and warrant the expenditure requested.
- The proposed project must be likely to achieve its goal.
- The proposed budget must be clearly justified and realistic.
- Feasible plans must exist for securing any non-NEF funds and/or conditions necessary for the project.
- NEF must be the most likely and logical funding source for project.

II. Presentation:

A well-executed presentation expresses competence and enthusiasm on the part of the applicant(s). Application should be clear and complete; goal, methods, and plan to evaluate the success and impact of the project should be logical, plausible, and well explained.

III. Potential benefit:

- How great would the benefit be to the students affected by the proposed project?
- How large is the pool of possible beneficiaries of the project? (The number of students impacted in the short and long term as well as possible benefit to other schools, teachers and the community at large.)

IV. Merit:

The NEF seeks applications with as many of the following examples of qualities as possible: originality, innovativeness, creativity, imaginativeness, and/or the extent to which proposed program enhances curriculum, programs, or services.

V. Other:

NEF seeks applications which include a feasible plan for establishing a secondary pool of beneficiaries (e.g., a plan to educate other teachers about learning made possible by purchase, and to lend or share material, as appropriate).