



Free money available! Apply for a Foundation grant today!

Scared to write a grant? Don't be! We have a simple application process and provide detailed directions and a rubric so you know exactly what we are looking for.

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools has 4 types of grants, over \$13,000 to award to teachers and administrators for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are online at www.ffms.org and are due April 30th, 2013.

Innovative Classroom Projects Grants: \$750 a piece and we award 15! *For projects combining innovation, creativity, educational value, student involvement, and teacher commitment.*

TEC Dowling Grant for Technology: \$500 *To upgrade technology or software or provide technology training that directly impacts the classroom.*

Professional Development Grants: \$250 a piece and we award 2. *For professional development, enrichment, and ongoing education.*

Principal Project Grant: \$1,000 *For projects combining innovation, creativity, educational value, student, staff, or teacher involvement, and principal commitment.*



Grant Writing Tips:

~All you need is passion, purpose, and a little know-how~

Rebecca Roemer, SFMS, 2012 Grant Winner with her class after planting tulip bulbs for her project called, Tulip Project: The Journey North



Before you begin writing a grant, make sure your project is consistent with your organization's mission and objectives. You want the funder to see purpose in your proposal and easily understand why your proposal would be beneficial to your organization. Here are some easy tips to help guide your writing:

- ✓ Organize and communicate your plan. Don't assume the funder knows your school or classroom needs.
- ✓ Write clearly and concisely. Succinctness is more important than volume.
- ✓ Address challenges. Don't avoid talking about them; show how you will overcome them.
- ✓ Have objectives that can be completed in a reasonable amount of time.
- ✓ Make your project benefit as many students as possible.
- ✓ Be specific about what the money will go toward. Show what it is going to pay for.

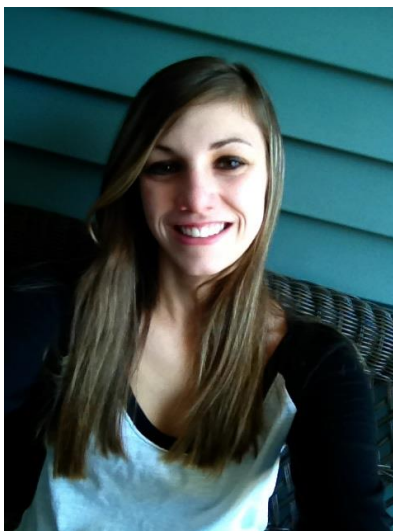
Three former scholarship winners share their success with us!



Julia Vanbuskirk
2012 Fort Mill High Graduate

Julia is majoring in Industrial Engineering at Clemson University. She earned a 4.0 last semester and has joined a sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. Julia said, "Classes are challenging and stimulating and the people here are great."

Julia won the Donna Helton Memorial Scholarship for an outstanding female soccer player.



Dina DeMao
2011 Nation Ford High Graduate

Dina is attending the University of South Carolina at Lancaster and working on her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She was recently accepted into the upper division of nursing for Fall 2013 with a 4.0 GPA.

Dina won the McCallum Scholarship for students majoring in teaching or nursing.



Raylisha Godbolt
2012 Fort Mill High Graduate

Raylisha is working on her Bachelors of Science in Nursing at the University of South Carolina. She has a 4.0 and made the Presidential Honors award. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and was invited to be a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Raylisha won the McCallum Scholarship for students majoring in teaching or nursing.

Scholarships Available to 2013 Grads!

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is proud to distribute over \$17,000 each year to graduating seniors. We are thrilled to have such dedicated scholarship sponsors who see the value in supporting higher education for our students. Scholarship applications are available at www.ffms.org or by visiting your guidance office.

Harold (Mac) and Phoebe McCallum Scholarship-to a student studying vocational or technical teaching or nursing.

Hugh White Memorial Scholarship-to an outstanding football player

Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship-to an outstanding swim team participant

Lillian Dickert Gainey Memorial Scholarship-to an outstanding foreign language student

Elizabeth Palmer Collins Scholarship-to a teacher cadet majoring in Early Childhood

Donna Helton Memorial Scholarship-to an outstanding female soccer player

Sheridan Family Scholarships-for academic achievement and financial need

Tega Cay Lions Club/Ron Kazel Scholarship-to a deserving student residing in zip code 29708

Doug Walters Memorial Scholarship-to an outstanding student in culinary arts

Fort Mill School District Forum Teacher Cadet Scholarship-to teacher cadet students pursuing a degree in teaching



**All applications
are due
April 1st, 2013!**

Progress on the Sopwith Camel

The construction of the replica Sopwith Camel, a WWI combat aircraft, is making progress at Fort Mill and Nation Ford High Schools. Students have been working on building this plane since August 2012 and hope to have it finished by this May. Currently students are being challenged to derive the formula for the curvature of the cowl skins. The engine is almost complete. Project director and pilot, David Griffin, says the students are facing many design challenges but are responding well.

There is still much to be done before this plane can take off. They are still working on the control system, drum brakes, propeller, compass, airspeed indicator, fuel system parts, and various other items.



Join our efforts

Support our teacher grants and scholarships with a donation



From Left: Board Members-Mary Kathryn Green, Martha Kinard, Karla Racer, Jim Babinchak, Marty McGinn, Steve Siebert, and Executive Director-Caryn Scroggs

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools functions solely on donations. Reasons you may want to donate:

- To honor someone special
- In memory of someone special
- To give to a specific scholarship account
- To support Innovative Classroom Project grants

Any time a donation is received in memory or in honor of someone, a letter is also sent to that individual or their family to notify them of the generous contribution that was made because of them.

All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent the law allows.

If you'd like to make a donation simply visit our website at www.ffms.org to make a secure online payment or mail your donation to Foundation for Fort Mill Schools PO Box 476, Fort Mill, SC 29716.

Contact us with your questions or concerns! 803-548-5559 or info@ffms.org

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