Fund for North Bennington: Student Projects Grant

The Fund for North Bennington, Inc. is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation dedicated to enhancing community life in and around the Village of North Bennington, Vermont. It is principally engaged in preserving undeveloped land to conserve natural resources, maintain agricultural uses, and to provide opportunities for public recreation. The Fund also supports community efforts in education, social services, planning, the arts and historic preservation. Through all its activities, The Fund seeks to maintain and strengthen the special physical character and social fabric of the community. The Fund relies on donations from the public to support its operations.

The Fund offers small grants for Bennington College student projects in the Village of North Bennington.

Projects may be in the arts, sciences, social sciences or humanities, or may involve special events. The only eligibility requirement is that the work engages students in the Village, preferably interacting with residents. Funds are limited, and the maximum individual grant will be $250 to cover expenses and any necessary stipends.

Applications are accepted by April 15 and December 1st; students will be notified by May 1st and December 15. Two grants per year will be offered, one in each academic term.

Please complete the information below, and then email or deliver the form to Noelle Murphy, Assistant Dean for Academic Services, nmurphy@ennington.edu, Barn 120. If you have questions, please contact Noelle.

All funding decisions will be reported to applicants via email. Upon completion of the project, grant recipients must provide a brief written report and documentation of all grant expenditures.

All applicants must submit the following:
- Project description
- Project budget
- Faculty recommendation
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Name: ________________________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Project Title: __________________________________________________________

A short description of the project: _________________________________________

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How will this project involve the Village? _________________________________

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Expected project completion date: _________________________________________

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Faculty Recommendation Form

Recommender’s Name: ______________________________________________
Student’s Name: ___________________________________________________
Project Title: ______________________________________________________

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Overall strength of your recommendation:
☐ highly recommend
☐ recommend
☐ recommend with reservations
☐ do not recommend

Please provide any additional comments that would assist us in considering this applicant’s proposal:  __________________________________________________________
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Faculty Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________
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Project Completion Report

All grantees must submit a brief written report to Noelle Murphy within two weeks of the completion of your project.

The report should include:
- Your name, project title, and project dates
- A brief summary of the project you implemented. Was the project implemented as planned? If not, please describe any changes made to your initial proposal.
- A description of the ways in which the residents the Village of North Bennington participated in your project
- A reflection upon what you learned by engaging in this work

Please also submit a final budget and receipts from all purchases made with grant funds.

All items can be submitted in electronic or hard copy to Noelle Murphy, Director of Grants and Fellowships, nmurphy@bennington.edu, Barn 120.