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GRANT APPLICATION. Due Dates April 15th and November 1st

Date: October 12, 2012

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Trees For Tomorrow

Natural Resource Specialty School

Address PO Box 609, 519 Sheridan St. East

City, State, Zip Eagle River, WI 54521

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Person Responsible for the Grant Maggie Bishop

Position in the Organization Executive Director

Organization's Purpose To deliver balanced, objective information on the management and use of trees, forests, and other natural resources. Our field-based programs place people in contact with resources that support human needs.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1,000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

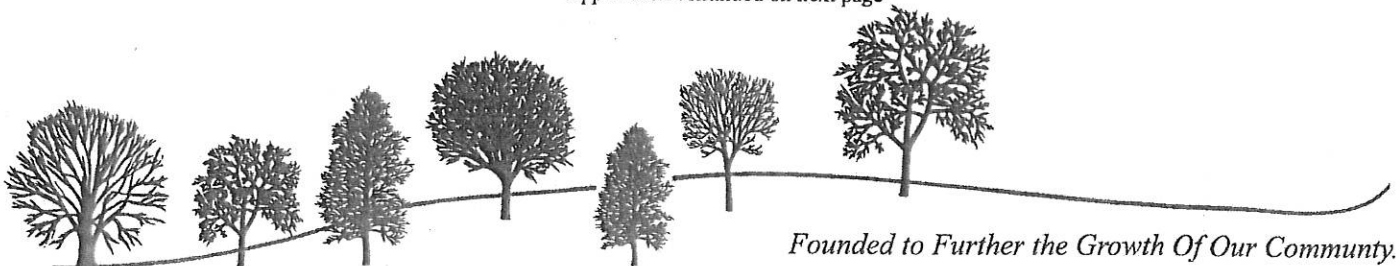
To provide an opportunity for 30 5th through 8th grade students and their teachers from Iowa-Grant Middle School to attend a four-day natural resource workshop at Trees For Tomorrow in the summer of 2013. Teachers, parents and administrators from that school have chosen our program to address an identified need to provide quality natural resource education opportunities for their students.

Teachers at Iowa-Grant value this program opportunity for the exposure to natural resource career options for students, and for the "real-life" view students get of multiple use forest management. Participating students are required to make a presentation to their peers upon completion of the workshop to demonstrate retention and application of knowledge and skills gained at Trees For Tomorrow.

Workshop objectives relate directly to our mission, and are to:

- teach students factual information about Wisconsin's forests, wildlife, water and soil so that decisions they make in the future will be based on sound information, not false assumptions.
- demonstrate the complexity of renewable resource ecosystems as well as the multitude of often competing demands upon those ecosystems.
- illustrate how society can satisfy multiple demands on natural resources through conservation and the use of modern management techniques.
- coach students to become actively involved in resource issues in their home community.

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Attachments

A. Supporting information.

1. **Specific use of grant.** The grant would be used to provide scholarship assistance to offset costs of a four-day workshop for 30 participants. See attached Project Budget.
2. **Time schedule.** Iowa-Grant Middle School would like to attend a workshop June 7-10, 2013.
3. **Other sources of funding.** Other sources of funding for the program will come from the Iowa-Grant Parent Teacher Club, Alliant Energy Foundation, the Trees For Tomorrow scholarship fund, CFL light bulb sales by students, local businesses, and parents of participating students.
4. **The effect of postponing this request to another time.** If a Biddick Foundation grant is not available to help defray the cost in 2013, Mr. Donovan may decide to postpone the trip or cancel, depending on his confidence in securing sufficient funds from other sources to cover the cost of the entire trip. If the workshop is postponed or cancelled, space availability may be an issue since Trees For Tomorrow cannot hold workshop dates open or guarantee future time slots for schools which are uncertain about funding. In past years, Mr. Donovan has had to cut their workshop from three-nights to two-nights due to a lack of funds.
5. **Effects of this grant.** Those who will benefit most directly and immediately from this grant will be the students and teachers who participate in the workshop. But we know from post-workshop data we've collected over the past several years that students not only retain information they learn at Trees For Tomorrow, but they also apply it to their everyday lives and therefore, affect family and community members. Students learn to make informed decisions about natural resource management and consumer strategies as they grow to adulthood. Some may also pursue careers in resource management. Their personal and professional actions can affect natural resource policy decisions and promote responsible forest product use and management in their home communities in southwestern Wisconsin and beyond as they grow up and move to other areas.

B. Organization history, activities, services and composition. Trees For Tomorrow is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 1944 by a group of Wisconsin paper companies for the purpose of assisting with state reforestation efforts. The organization's main focus for the first few years was tree planting and writing forest management plans for landowners along with forestry education. In the 1950s, Trees For Tomorrow's forest education work became more prominent and the organization began to specialize in multi-day workshops for students during the school year and for teachers during the summer. Now in its 66th year, Trees For Tomorrow offers forestry workshops to over 5,000 students and teachers annually. An average of three workshops are offered each week and participants come from all over Wisconsin, upper Michigan and northern Illinois. In addition to workshops for students, Trees For Tomorrow offers graduate courses for teachers in the summer, weekend special interest courses for adults, and several Elderhostel sessions each year. The organization publishes *Northbound*, a natural resources journal that focuses on a different resource-related topic bi-annually. Trees For Tomorrow is sponsored primarily by Wisconsin and Michigan paper, forest product and electric utility companies. There are 15 such companies on the TFT Board of Directors. The organization employs 10 teachers and a support staff of 14. An Advisory Council of 30 individuals from industry, education, service organizations and public agencies assists with program planning, fundraising and public relations.



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**Trees For Tomorrow
Project Budget for Iowa-Grant Middle School
Natural Resources Education Workshop**

Workshop Tuition: The cost is \$54/night per participant.

30 students x \$54/night x 3 nights = \$4,860 (This includes the entire workshop costs: all instruction, transportation during the workshop, lodging and meals.)

Scholarship support from Elmer Biddick Foundation for \$1,000

$\$4,860 - \$1,000 = \$3,860$

Transportation to and from Trees For Tomorrow = \$2,000

$\$3,860 + \$2,000 = \$5,860$

$\$5,860 / 30 = \196 per student

Because of school budget cuts, an increase in operating expenses, and other economic factors, it has become increasingly difficult for students to pay for the full tuition to attend a Trees For Tomorrow workshop. At Trees For Tomorrow, we believe that every student should have an opportunity to attend regardless of financial status. Therefore, we seek financial assistance through donations and grants to subsidize students in need.





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October 12, 2012

Brian Nodolf, President
Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation
11623 State Road 80
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Dear Brian,

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this request for \$1,000 in scholarship assistance for Iowa-Grant Middle School. Tim Donovan, the coordinating teacher from the school, feels the experience is very valuable and asked us to request funds on his behalf to help make a workshop possible for a new group of students to attend in summer 2013.

Enclosed are our grant request narrative and a copy of our IRS 501 (c) 3 determination letter. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Maggie Bishop
Executive Director

Enc.: grant narrative, IRS 501 (c) 3 determination letter

