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10/24/2014 Talked to Samantha told her the grant was late and the Board of Directors would have to make a decision on consideration.
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GRANT APPLICATION

***Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below**

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: October 20, 2014

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation, Inc.

Address 1800 Bronson Blvd.

City, State, Zip Fennimore, WI 53809

Phone 608-732-2538

Person Responsible for the Grant Samantha Goss

Position in the Organization Foundation Assistant

Organization's Purpose The Southwest Tech Foundation is proud to provide funding and promote activities that enables Southwest Tech to provide opportunities for success.

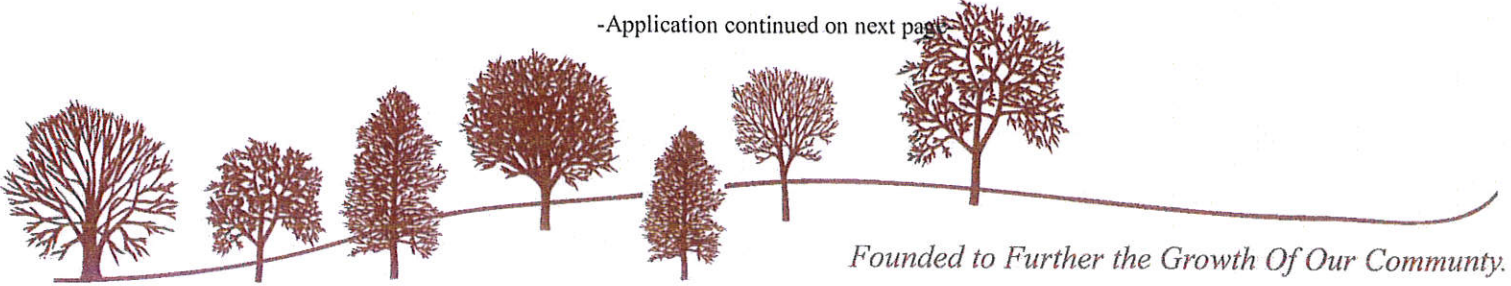
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1,500

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

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information.

1. Specific use of grant.
2. Time schedule.
3. Other sources of funding.
4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

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2. The goal is to provide 50 -75 vouchers to waive the \$30 application fee during the 2014/2015 school year, specifically targeting the winter and summer applicants.
3. The Southwest Tech Foundation will be promoting this new project as another opportunity for staff to contribute through employee payroll deductions since it directly relates to a project that many staff members are already passionate about. The Student Services department will also be collecting funds within the department to promote this endeavor. A total of \$300 has already been collected and deposited into this fund to begin this initiative.
4. Without this funding, a number of students will not be able to start their educational career at Southwest Tech. In fact, over 80% of Southwest Tech students require some kind of financial assistance. This project targets a financial burden that is not currently supported by any other project. Last year, during the October free application day, over 150 applications were submitted and over 44% of the students that applied were retained. If we receive a similar retention rate from the vouchers, we would expect to enroll 22 - 33 new students that otherwise would not be able to apply or attend classes at Southwest Tech. The Southwest Tech mission is to provide education and training opportunities responsive to students, employers and communities. This project directly responds to the need of the students and community by removing another obstacle for potential students to begin their career at Southwest Tech.
5. The vouchers will be disbursed by the Southwest Tech staff during the winter and summer months. Based on the discretion of the staff members, vouchers will only be disbursed to students that display need. These vouchers will significantly impact the lives of potential students in the communities we serve as well as the staff members at Southwest Tech that are passionate about helping potential and current students be successful.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and October 15th. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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