



*A Natural Resources Education Experience
That Lasts A Lifetime!*

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I talked to Cheryl and told her the request
would be added to the agenda for next meeting.
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October 28, 2013

Biddick, Inc
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Dear Elmer G. Biddick Foundation,

Enclosed is a request for \$1000 in scholarship assistance for students from Iowa-Grant Middle School. As you know, the school has attended a workshop at Trees For Tomorrow for the past several years with scholarship assistance from the Biddick Foundation. Your scholarship support ensures that all students can attend our workshop regardless of their ability to pay full tuition.

Although the school was hoping to be in a more financially secure position by now, the economic downfall has caused added decreases in school budgets. The coordinating teacher has requested financial support so that all of his students can attend our workshop and learn the importance of sustainable management and use of our forests and other natural resources.

Along with the grant request narrative you'll also find a copy of our IRS 501(c)3 determination letter. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information. Thanks so much for your support through the years and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Todea
Interim Executive Director

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



Elmer G Biddick

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

Date: 10-28-13

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

Address P.O. Box 609, 519 Sheridan St. East

City, State, Zip Eagle River, WI 54521

Phone 715-479-6456

Person Responsible for the Grant Cheryl Todea

Position in the Organization Interim Executive

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 direct 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

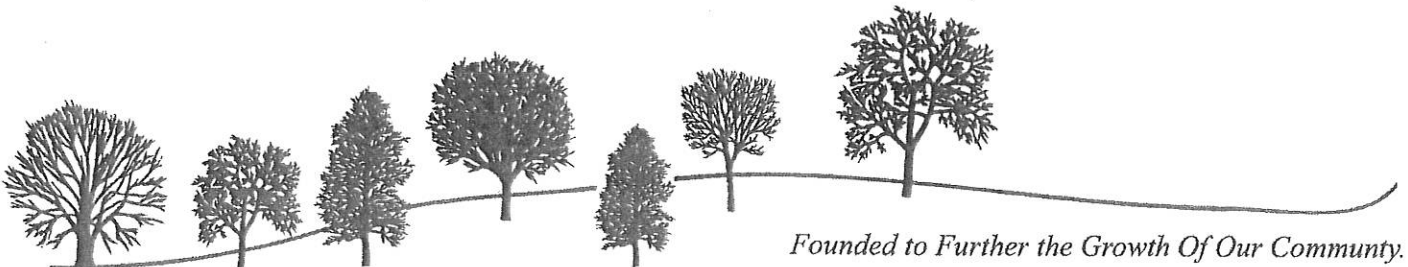
Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

To provide an opportunity for thirty 6th - 8th grade students and their teachers from Iowa-Grant Middle School to attend a four-day natural resource workshop at Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) in 2014. 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 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;
- And coach students to become actively involved in resource issues in their home community.



Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

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

See
attached

- 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.)

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 celebrating almost 70 years, 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.

Trees For Tomorrow's Board of Directors is comprised of 17 Wisconsin and Michigan paper, forest product and electric utility companies. The organization employs 9 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.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and November 1st. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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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.** Trees For Tomorrow assistant director will contact Tim Donovan, Iowa-Grant Middle School teacher, in January to confirm workshop dates for 2014. Trees For Tomorrow program scheduler will work with Iowa-Grant teachers on finalizing specific workshop programs. Iowa-Grant Middle School will attend a natural resources workshop at Trees For Tomorrow in 2014.
3. **Other sources of funding.** Other sources of funding for the program will come from the Iowa-Grant Parent Teacher Club, Alliant Energy Foundation (a long-time supporter of Trees For Tomorrow and natural resource education), the Trees For Tomorrow scholarship fund, cookie dough 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 2014, 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.
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.

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Item	Total Cost	Requested Funds from Biddick	Match	Sources of Match
Workshop fee 30 participants X \$90/night per participant X 3 nights <i>(includes instruction, transportation to and from field sites, lodging, and meals)</i>	\$8,100	\$1,000	\$7,100	Alliant Energy TFT Scholarship Fund Parents/families of participants Iowa-Grant School District
Transportation to and from Trees For Tomorrow	\$2,000		\$2,000	Parents/families of participants Iowa-Grant School District
Total	\$10,100	\$1,000	\$9,100	

ESTIMATED COST OF SCHOOL BUSES
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