

## Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation Grant Proposal Application

Dodgeville Area Scholarship Foundation, Inc.  
Legal Name of Organization

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### **Charitable purpose of the organization.**

The purpose of the Dodgeville Area Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (DASFI) shall be to give post high school education scholarships to Dodgeville High School graduates. The Foundation has been organized exclusively for charitable and education purposes. DASFI shall promote this purpose through nonprofit, nonsectarian and nonpartisan means. DASFI shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion or handicap in the pursuance of its purpose as set forth herein.

### **Organization's current programs, activities, and recent accomplishments**

Established in 1998, DASFI awards scholarships to Dodgeville High School graduates. During our first year, we were able to give only four \$250.00 scholarships. Since that time, we have provided 426 student scholarships including last year's 50 which totaled \$38,250.00. In our 18 year history, we have given out \$307,850.00 in scholarships. The majority of our scholarship funds are raised by our annual golf outing held in September. This year's outing netted \$11,070.00 with the rest of our funds coming from donations. The foundation assets now total \$193,270.72 with \$38,250.00 to be paid out for last year's scholarships.

### **Purpose of the request.**

Funds provided by the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation would be used to award scholarships to Dodgeville High School graduates pursuing post high school education. A gift of any amount from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation would be used as scholarships for our students and would be greatly appreciated. The number and dollar amount of the scholarships given would be dependent on the amount of your gift.

**Amount requested and the desired time line for the receipt of any contribution.**

In 2015, DASFI received 50 applications for scholarships. We were able to award all 50 applicants scholarships totaling \$38,250.00. It was wonderful to award scholarships to every deserving student. Our ultimate goal is to provide meaningful financial assistance to all Dodgeville High School graduates. That being said, any amount you chose to honor DASFI with would be greatly appreciated. Whether your gift is \$20,000.00 or \$200,000.00, it would be used to assist Dodgeville Area students as they pursue their goals and work to attain their dreams.

**Budget of how the funds will be allocated and whether there are any other matching funds involved.**

The number of scholarships we are able to award depends upon the amount of money available. As stated in #3 above, we raise funds mainly from our golf outing which netted \$11,070.00 this September and from other donations. We have a few Legacy Scholarships funded from \$10,000.00 in donations which provide \$500.00 annual scholarships. We hope to exceed our giving of last year which was 28 \$500.00 scholarships, 11 \$750.00 scholarships, six \$1,000.00 scholarships and five \$2,000.00 scholarships, If your foundation chooses to honor us with a gift, we will decide the number and dollar amount of the scholarships dependent upon the amount of funds available. If you have any stipulations regarding the number and/or dollar amount of scholarships given, please let us know. We would be happy to work within your guidelines. Students receiving scholarships from DASFI have two (2) semesters of post high school to provide us with proof they have attained at least a 2.5 grade point average over the course of one (1) semester. They will then receive their scholarship award. We have no requirements on the student attending a two year or four year college or technical college. There are no stipulations that the school needs to be in Wisconsin.

**Plan for evaluating the use of any contribution.**

We rely heavily on the Dodgeville High School Guidance Counselor to assist us in choosing our scholarship recipients. The counselor is privy to information regarding students who are already receiving scholarships as well as those students who deserve scholarships, but for one reason or another, are not receiving any recognition for their hard work. DASFI has in the past preferred to give scholarships to those students who are deserving of recognition for their hard work even though they may not be 4.0 students. We feel recognition of their accomplishments goes much further in encouraging students to pursue their goals than the monetary award that goes with it.

**Organization's current annual budget.**

DASFI currently operates without a formal budget. Our only expenses result from our annual golf outing and the scholarships we award. The number and dollar amount of scholarships are determined after our fundraising efforts for the year have been completed. We are fortunate to have had our website development and hosting costs donated along with costs for advertising of our meetings as required by our by-laws. I am attaching a copy of our current treasurer's report.

**Proof of tax exempt status (including tax ID number).**

Attached

**I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

Signature of Authorized Agent/Officer

  
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John C. Houck, DASFI Board of Directors

October 12, 2016

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 14 2003**

DODGEVILLE AREA SCHOLARSHIP  
FOUNDATION INC  
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Our Letter Dated:  
April 2001  
Addendum Applies:  
no

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

DODGEVILLE AREA SCHOLARSHIP

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner".

Lois G. Lerner  
Director, Exempt Organizations