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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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Called Holly and left voice message. Told her the grant report would be considered at next meeting.
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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: April 13, 2016

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: **608-822-2362**

Person Responsible for the Grant: **Holly Clendenen**

Position in the Organization: **Executive Director**

Organization's Purpose: **The Southwest Tech Foundation was established in 1980 to promote learning through funding activities that enable Southwest Tech to provide opportunities for success.**

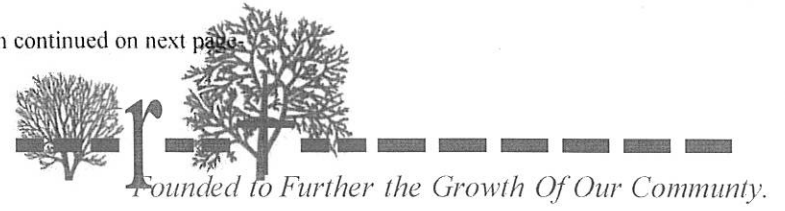
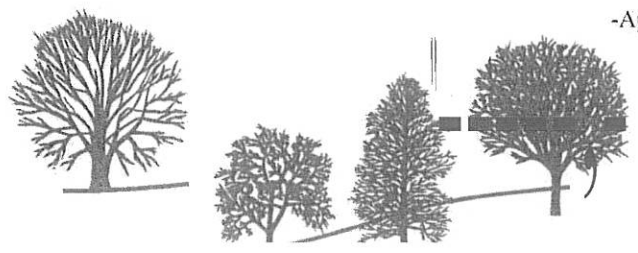
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$: **2,240.00**

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

The agriculture programs at Southwest Tech are expanding in order to better serve students and the region. Starting in 2016-17, new degrees will be offered in agronomy and animal science and new one and two year technical diplomas in farm operations and management - livestock, farm operations and management - crops, farm operations and management - ag mechanics, agronomy technician, dairy technician, livestock technician, crops operations, and farm ag maintenance. These new programs will complement the continuing programs of agribusiness management, farm operations

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and management - dairy (currently called dairy herd management), and ag power and equipment technician. With the expansion of the agriculture programs, new equipment is needed to be used in the new curriculum and in renovated classroom and lab spaces. This request to fund the purchase of a digital veterinary wrist ultrasound scanner is one of the new pieces of equipment needed.

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

A. Supporting information. **Please see cover letter enclosed with application.**

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.):

The mission of the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation is to promote learning through funding and activities that enables Southwest Tech to provide opportunities for success. The Southwest Tech Foundation was established in 1980 to identify, solicit, and manage alternative sources of funding to support the commitment to excellence of Southwest Tech.

To assist students, the Foundation raises funds for scholarships, transportation assistance for commuters, a student food pantry, and emergency grants. The Foundation provides support for professional development activities to allow Southwest Tech staff to continue their education in their field. The Foundation and the Foundation's volunteer board of directors are dedicated to improving and enhancing the educational experiences of all students and staff at Southwest Tech.

In addition, the Foundation is responsible for Southwest Tech's student housing. The student housing complex consists of apartment and duplex style units which provides more than 100 students with a place to reside while attending Southwest Tech.

Together with community partners, the Southwest Tech Foundation will achieve its mission of providing opportunities for success at Southwest Tech.

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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April 13, 2016

Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation
Mr. Brian D Nodolf, President
11623 State Road 80
Livingston, WI 53554

Dear Mr. Nodolf,

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College is proud of its relationship with the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation. The Southwest Tech Foundation has received financial support from the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation five times since 2001, including three grants since 2012, to support our agriculture programs and the Charger Cupboard (student food pantry) and to waive application fees for low-income prospective students. Thank you for the past support and for your consideration this year.

The Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation is invited to grant the Southwest Tech Foundation \$2,240 to purchase a digital veterinary wrist ultrasound scanner. The ultrasound scanner will be used in the animal science program, farm operations and management dairy and livestock programs, and the dairy and livestock technician programs.

The scanner will be used to do pregnancy checks for sheep, hogs, and cattle, scan for lung health in calves, and measure fat and muscle in livestock. The intent is to purchase the scanner this spring or summer and starting using it in the 2016-17 academic year.

The primary source of funding for this ultrasound scanner other than this grant request is the college's supply and equipment budget. With the planned program expansion some budget increases have been allocated but not enough to purchase all the necessary and desired equipment. Other equipment that is necessary for the new curriculum includes a near-infrared scanner and a tissue grinder.

If this grant request is not funded at this time, this purchase will have to be prioritized with the other supply and equipment requests and will be pushed back to another budget cycle. This would limit the instructor's ability to provide hands-on training in courses like introduction to animal health, meat quality, and farm animal reproduction. Without this equipment, students can view demonstrations provided by veterinarians but cannot gain critical practical experience prior to graduation.

This grant will impact Southwest Tech students in the animal science program, farm operations and management dairy and livestock programs, and the dairy and livestock technician programs. Most of the students in these programs come from the southwest region of Wisconsin including Grant and Iowa counties, and the

equipment will be used on farm visits in southwest Wisconsin. Students will be impacted starting in fall 2016 and beyond during the useful lifetime of the scanner.

Every year Southwest Tech provides education and training to more than 10,000 students. Students come to Southwest Tech to learn new trades, improve their current skills, and enhance their professional capabilities. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Southwest Tech Foundation is able to support students during their educational experience.

Thank you for your continued support of Southwest Tech and for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. I look forward to partnering with the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation again as the college expands its agriculture programming to better serve our students and region.

Respectfully,



Holly Clendenen
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Enclosures: Grant Application, IRS Determination Letter