

April 13, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Nodolf,

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, located in Fennimore, WI, serves five southwest Wisconsin counties including Grant County and Iowa County. We strive for all of our students to succeed in compelling careers and make positive and impactful contributions to their local communities. In 2015-16 Southwest Tech served more than 8,500 students. Of the 2,200 students working towards an associate's degree, 50% were eligible for the Pell grant, a federal grant program for low-income students. 95% of our graduates are employed within one year of graduation, including 100% of our two-year technical diploma earners. 60% of our graduates work in southwest Wisconsin after graduation, and 86% of our graduates work in Wisconsin after graduation.

I am requesting that the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation consider giving the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation a \$2,500 grant to support the Charger Dream Fund. The Charger Dream Fund provides small grants to low-income students to help them withstand financial emergencies. In 2016, Southwest Tech received a lead grant from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation to provide emergency grants to our students who are faced with an unexpected financial emergency that may cause them to drop out of school due to financial constraints. We are seeking other business and Foundation contributions to match the \$ 34,700 grant provided by Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation.

In order to receive funding, students must be Pell grant eligible. In addition to the emergency funding, the Charger Dream Fund also provides students additional campus, community, and financial literacy resources and support to supplement the grants, to address root causes or contributing factors to the financial emergencies, and to further support students' persistence.

Southwest Tech is a small, rural college and reliable transportation is critical to our students' success. More than 63 percent of the grants we made in previous years allowed students to make essential car repairs and receive transportation assistance. If Southwest Tech had not been able to meet the immediate needs of these students, we have been told that many of the students facing the financial emergency would have dropped out. 90% of students helped by emergency grants from 2012-2015 graduated or are on track to graduate.

Grant funding from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation will be used in the 2017-18 academic year. Other gifts for the Charger Dream Fund have been received from the Dupaco Foundation, American Bank, FirstMerit Bank, Alliant Energy Foundation, United Fund of Iowa County, Grant County Economic Development Corporation, and many Southwest Tech employees, retirees, board members, and alumni.

The deadline to match the Great Lakes lead grant is November 2017 so if this request is not funded at this time, it will not be counted towards the match. The Southwest Tech Foundation will continue to seek grants and gifts from business and individuals to support the Charger Dream Fund even after the lead grant is matched because it is one of the top two fundraising priorities of the College and Foundation because of its impact on student success.

Thank you for considering our grant request. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,



Holly Clendenen  
Executive Director  
Southwest Tech Foundation  
(608) 822-2362  
[hclendenen@swtc.edu](mailto:hclendenen@swtc.edu)

Enclosures: Grant Application, IRS Determination Letter

# Elmer G Biddick

## CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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### GRANT APPLICATION

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

**Due Dates April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Date: 04/13/17

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Southwest Wisconsin Technical 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 Foundation's mission is to promote learning through funding and activities that enable Southwest Tech to provide opportunities for success. Student support programs funded by the Foundation work toward eliminating barriers in students' lives so they can achieve success in and out of the classroom.

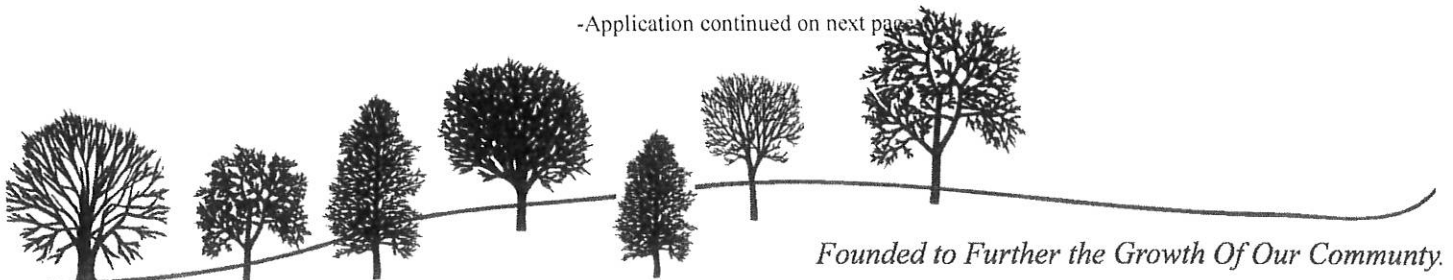
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ \$2,500

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

I am requesting a \$2,500 grant from the Elmer G. Biddick Foundation in support of the Charger Dream Fund at Southwest Tech. The Charger Dream Fund provides small emergency grants (\$500 or less) to help low-income students who are faced with an unexpected financial emergency. Without these small emergency grants, these at-risk students may drop out of College. More than 63% of prior grants through the Charger Dream Fund were for essential car repairs and transportation assistance because of the rural setting of Southwest Tech. 90% of student who received this type of assistance from 2012 to 2015 graduated or are on track to graduate.

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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.)

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. The Foundation raises funds for scholarships, transportation assistance, a student food pantry, emergency grants, academic program support, and student clubs and organizations.

The Southwest Tech Foundation is served by three full-time College-employees who carry out the primary duties of the Foundation. The Foundation has a volunteer board of directors composed of College retirees, alumni, and business partners.

As of February 28, 2017, the Foundation received \$283,429 in gifts from 692 donors. The donor base of the Foundation is increasing to include more alumni, current employees, and business partners than ever before. Recent gift highlights include a \$100,000 multi-year pledge from Montchevre to support the College's new dairy goat herd management program and a \$10,000 multi-year pledge from American Bank to create an endowment for the Charger Dream.

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

**PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:**

Biddick, Inc.  
11623 State Road 80  
Livingston, WI 53554  
Phone (608) 943-6363  
Fax (608) 943-6365

Internal Revenue Service  
District Director

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: APR 25 1997

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College  
Foundation, Inc.  
1800 Bronson Blvd.  
Fennimore, WI 53809-9778

**Person to Contact:**

Gordon Schnur

**Telephone Number:**

513-241-5199

**Fax Number**

513-684-5936

**Federal Identification Number:**

39-1828080

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to your request for a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued in June 1981 granted your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation, Inc.  
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Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

Please direct any questions to the person identified in the letterhead above.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,



C. Ashley Bullard  
District Director