

April 13, 2018

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 2017 Southwest Tech was the #1 two-year college in Wisconsin and #3 two-year college in the nation!

Of the 1,875 students working towards an associate's degree or technical diploma last year, 50% were eligible for a Pell grant, a federal grant program for low-income students. 95% of our graduates are employed within one year of graduation. 64% of our graduates work in southwest Wisconsin after graduation, and 93% 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 scholarships for the new 20/2020 program. The 20/2020 program is an educational partnership between CESA 3 and Southwest Tech. Through the 20/2020 program, current high school students can earn high school and college credits at a cost of only \$150 per credit. 20/2020 scholarships will reduce the tuition cost even more, making the program even more affordable.

Beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, high school students will have three path programs in 20/2020 – Laboratory Science Technician, Nursing, and Gear Up. In all three paths, students will have the opportunity to earn between 18-23 college credits towards either a Southwest Tech degree or to transfer to another college. In the 'One-and-Done Laboratory Science Technician' program, students will be able to complete the entire program, except for two summer credits, during their senior year of high school. These students will not only receive their high school diploma next year but also a technical diploma in an in-demand career.

The goal of 20/2020 is to have 20 high school students by the year 2020 earn a college credential by their high school graduation. Research indicates education is one of the best ways to break the poverty cycle. By starting college courses in high school, students who

do not think college is an option due to financial concerns can get a head start and see how affordable a college degree can be. 20/2020 is one way Southwest Tech is partnering with K12 schools to offer more and to assist local schools.

Grant funding from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation will be used in the 2018-19 academic year. Other gifts from local businesses and donors are currently being requested. The total program cost for 2018-19 is estimated to be \$60,000, and the Southwest Tech Foundation would like to raise \$30,000 in scholarship support to offset the cost to local K12 schools and students.

If this request is not funded at this time, the Southwest Tech Foundation will continue to seek other gifts and grants. Scholarships are the top fundraising priority of the College and Foundation because of its impact on student success, and there is overwhelming support for the new 20/2020 program to increase student access across our district while also helping make college affordable for students in need.

Thank you for considering this request to be an investor in 20/2020. We believe it will be a great opportunity for the college to work collaboratively with CESA 3 and local K12 schools in order to increase opportunities for students. We would be proud to have the Elmer G Biddick Foundation be our partner in this initiative as we launch it. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,



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Southwest Tech Foundation  
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Enclosures: Grant Application, 20/2020 Information Sheet, 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: April 12, 2018

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 Foundation's mission is to promote learning through funding and activities that enable Southwest Tech to provide opportunities for success. Scholarships are the number one fundraising priority of the Foundation as financial barriers are one of the main reasons interested prospective students do not enroll.

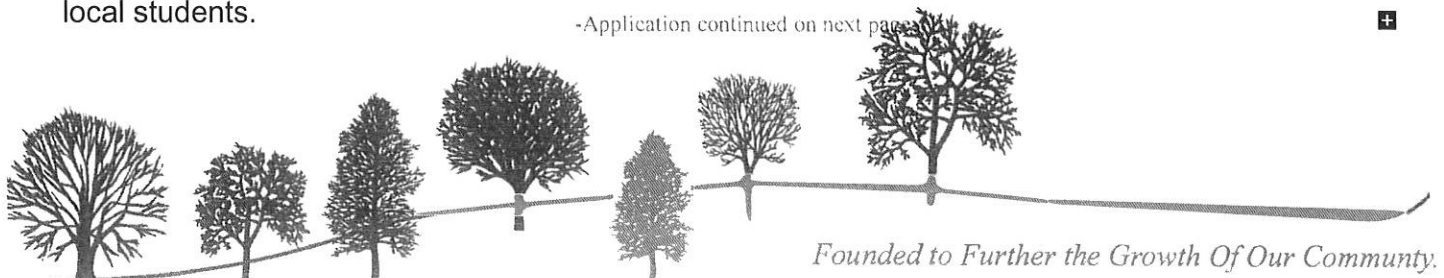
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 2,500

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

The Southwest Tech Foundation is requesting a grant of \$2,500 to support student scholarships for a new collaborative program with CESA 3. The new program, 20/2020, has a goal of enrolling 20 high school students in Southwest Tech courses in the 2018-19 academic year. Southwest Tech has negotiated a rate of \$150 per credit with CESA 3 to make this program as affordable as possible to local K12 school districts. Scholarships will further reduce the tuition cost to local K12 schools and students. In the three course options offered for 2018-19, students may earn up to 23 college credits. The goal of 20/2020 is to jump start students into college and offer more options to local students.

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# 20 2020

Southwest  
Tech



An educational partnership between CESA 3 and Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. Students can earn high school and college credits at a cost of only \$150/credit per student! Southwest Tech's tuition is about 45% less per year than in-state tuition at a university!



**MEDIAN  
SALARY:  
\$33,992**

## ONE—AND—DONE LABORATORY SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (see map)

Senior year: Complete 23 credits  
– Semester 1: 10 credits  
– Semester 2: 13 credits  
– Summer: Complete 2 credits  
– **THEN GRADUATE!**

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- Fundamentals of Chemistry (nursing requirement)
- Beginning Microsoft Word
- Basic Lab Skills (1st weeks)
- QA Lab Math (2nd 8 weeks)
- Manufacturing Practices for Food Industry



## GEAR UP

Students can earn up to 18 transferable college credits while enrolled in high school. The transferability of the course is ultimately up to the receiving institution.  
– Introduction to Sociology  
– Introduction to Psychology  
– Speech  
– Written Communication  
– Economics  
– Statistics or Intermediate Algebra  
(depends on student's intended career track)

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- Statistics
- Economics
- Intro to Psychology



**MEDIAN  
SALARY:  
\$57,516**

## 11—12—14 NURSING (see map)

MINIMUM 30 STUDENTS  
Sophomore year: Complete all precore classes.  
11 – Junior Year: Complete SWTC's Semester I of nursing classes  
12 – Senior Year: Complete SWTC's Semester II of nursing classes  
14 – Second year of Nursing program on Southwest Tech campus

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- Nursing Assistant
- Fundamentals of Chemistry (nursing requirement)
- General Anatomy & Physiology
- Medical Terminology (not a nursing class)



## DELIVERY FORMAT

- Will be offered to all CESA III School Districts in an Academy/Cohort Format
- Classes will be offered at high schools in the following formats:
  - a. SRTNC (BlueJeans)
  - b. Online (Schoology)
  - c. Face to face if the student wishes to attend SWTC's campus.
- The participating high schools will provide a room facilitator.

For more information, contact Jamie Nutter, 608.822.2148, [jnutter@cesa3.org](mailto:jnutter@cesa3.org)

Internal Revenue Service  
District Director

Department of the Treasury

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Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: APR 25 1997

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Fennimore, WI 53809-9778

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513-684-5936

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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.