

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 15th and October 15th

Date: April 14, 2020

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 and student support are the top fundraising priorities established by the college and Foundation. Financial barriers are a main reason many students do not complete their degree, and the Foundation supports this need.

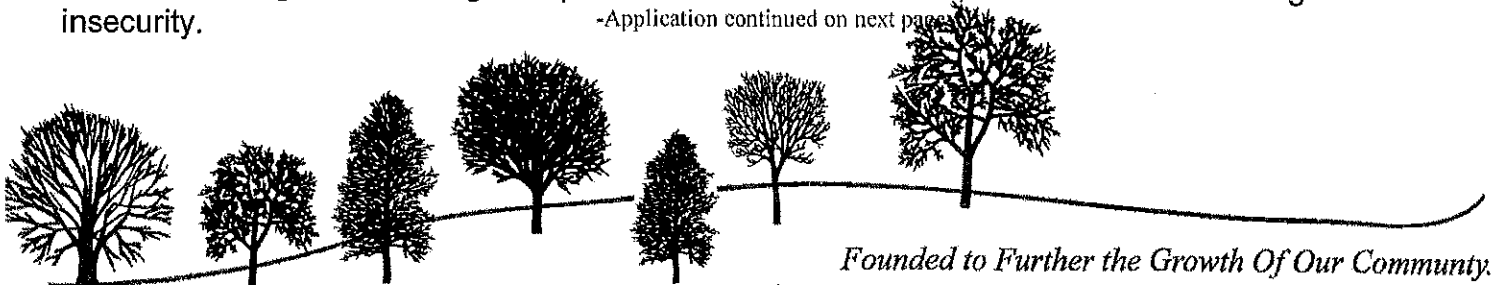
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 2,500.00

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

I am requesting that the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation grant the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation a \$2,500 grant to support the Charger Cupboard, the on-campus food pantry. Although the Charger Cupboard is currently closed while the campus is closed under the state's Stay at Home order, students in need are still being served through food pantry deliveries to their home. Student usage of the Charger Cupboard is significantly higher so far in 2019-20 - a 33% increase in visits in the month of February compared to last year. Food pantry deliveries will continue as long as the Charger Cupboard is closed to students, and students are facing food insecurity.

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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.)

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 14, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Biddick,

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. A recent study on the college's economic impact, completed by EMSI, found that Southwest Tech's total economic impact on the district we serve was \$153.9 million in 2018-19. Also found in the study was that the benefits of an associate degree over a high school diploma will amount to an undiscounted value of \$327,600 in higher earnings per graduate.

I am requesting that the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation consider granting the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation a \$2,500 grant to support the Charger Cupboard. The Charger Cupboard provides students with food insecurity with groceries as well as basic necessities. The Charger Cupboard is supported through employee donations and in-kind gifts, gifts from alumni and friends, and company grants. The Charger Cupboard is available to all Southwest Tech students, and the number of students served in 2019-20 is significantly greater than last year. In February 2020 there was 115 visits to the pantry serving 53 students; this was a 33% increase over February 2019.

The Charger Cupboard continues to serve students in need during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Although the on-campus pantry is closed, staff are making deliveries of pantry boxes to students requesting assistance. All past users of the Charger Cupboard have been contacted to see if they have access to food, information on their local food pantry, and if needed, to set up an ongoing delivery of items from the Charger Cupboard. These deliveries are one way Southwest Tech is caring for students during this time of uncertainty. A grant to support the Charger Cupboard would help the college to continue to offer this delivery service as long as necessary and to re-open the Charger Cupboard fully stocked when it is safe to do so.

A recent press release and video about the food pantry deliveries can be found on the college website and at the following link - <https://www.swtc.edu/news/press-releases/southwest-tech-team-delivering-food-pantry-items/#.XpZ4-hKhPY>

The total budget for the Charger Cupboard in past years has been around \$2,500 in cash purchases and in-kind donations; the estimated budget need for 2019-20 is \$5,000 to meet the student need. The budget projection for 2020-21 is also \$5,000, but we are aware the usage of the Charger Cupboard could be higher next year depending on the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our already vulnerable student population.

Grant funding from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation will be used for the remainder of the 19-20 academic year, throughout the summer as many program classes

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are extended due to the campus closure this spring and into the 20-21 school year. As mentioned, food pantry deliveries are currently happening on a weekly basis and will continue as long as necessary to help students facing food insecurity.

Current Southwest Tech employees are the biggest contributors to the Charger Cupboard. Additional donations come from a local businesses including State Theaters, Timberwolf Farms, and Scenic View Organic Eggs as well as American Transmission Company and the WGLR Holiday Auction. Most food orders for the Charger Cupboard go through Second Harvest Food Bank in order to purchase the highest quantity food for the lowest cost.

If this request is not funded at this time, the Southwest Tech Foundation will continue to seek other gifts and grants in order to continue to stock the food pantry and offer deliveries during the campus closure. If the Charger Cupboard budget cannot meet the demand then limitations and restrictions will likely be necessary to reduce the number of students served by the pantry.

College and national research identifies that students who do not complete their program cite financial reasons as the cause. Student support programs, like the Charger Cupboard, are a critical factor in Southwest Tech's above-average retention and graduation rates. A recent recipient of a food pantry delivery stated "...thank you for helping my family and myself out at this time. I currently don't have a vehicle and live in the country and with transportation not running during this time, you have been a lifesaver." This is why food pantry efforts are delivering hope to our students. Hungry students cannot focus on learning so helping to feed our students is critical in order for students to complete their education, earn a degree, and secure a higher-paying job to support themselves and their families.

Thank you for considering this request to invest in the Southwest Tech Foundation again. We appreciate the past support of the Elmer G. Biddick Foundation and value the support you provide to local non-profits and communities. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,

Holly Clendenen

Holly Clendenen
Executive Director
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Enclosures: Grant Application, Organization Information, IRS Determination Letter

- The Southwest Tech Foundation, Inc is a 501(c)3 organization which supports Southwest Wisconsin Technical College.
- The Southwest Tech Foundation was incorporated in 1980.
- The Southwest Tech Foundation is governed by a board of directors including 10 at-large members, the College President, Foundation executive director, a district board member representative, a faculty/staff representative, and student representative.
- Annually the Southwest Tech Foundation awards more than \$300,000 in student scholarships as well as student emergency grants, gas cards, application waivers, student club funding, faculty and staff professional development awards, and academic program funding.
- Southwest Tech and the Southwest Tech Foundation work cooperatively each year to determine fundraising priorities to guide the work of the Foundation to best support the priorities of the college.

Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: APR 25 1997

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Person to Contact:

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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.

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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.

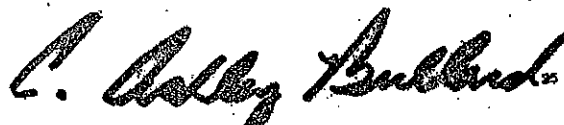
Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. 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