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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: 9/27/2021

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Trees For Tomorrow, Inc.

Address 519 E. Sheridan Street, PO Box 609

City, State, Zip Eagle River, WI 54521

Phone 715-479-6456

Person Responsible for the Grant Cheryl Todea

Position in the Organization Executive Director

Organization's Purpose To promote sustainable management of our natural resources through transformative educational experiences.

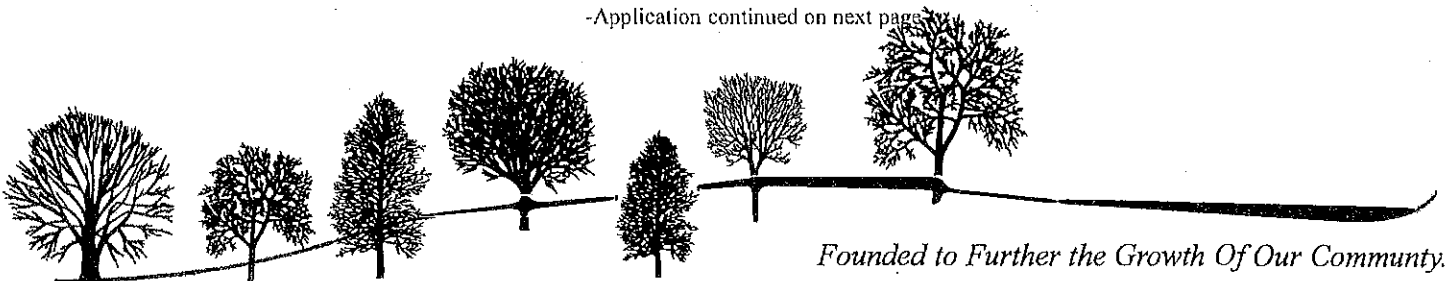
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1,000

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

To ensure that all students from Iowa-Grant Middle School have access to a four-day natural resource course at Trees For Tomorrow, regardless of their financial background. Teachers, parents, and administrators from Iowa-Grant School District continue to choose our program to address an identified need to provide quality educational experiences for their students that cannot be duplicated at school or at another facility. Teachers from Iowa-Grant Middle School value this experience for their students for the exposure to natural resource career options and for the real-life view students get related to sustainable natural resource management.

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A. Supporting Information

1. **Specific Use of Grant:** To provide an opportunity for up to 30 sixth through eighth grade students and their teachers from Iowa-Grant Middle School to attend a four-day natural resource management course at Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) in 2022. Teachers, parents and administrators from that school have chosen our program to address an identified need to provide quality natural resource education opportunities for their students. Teachers at Iowa-Grant value this program opportunity for the exposure to natural resource career options for students, for the connections with their science curriculum at school, and for the “real-life” view students get of multiple use forest management. Workshop objectives relate directly to our mission, and are to:
 - i. Teach students factual information about Wisconsin’s forests, wildlife, water and soil so that decisions they make in the future will be based on sound information, not false assumptions;
 - ii. Demonstrate the complexity of ecosystems as well as the multitude of often competing demands upon those ecosystems;
 - iii. Illustrate how society can satisfy multiple demands on natural resources through conservation and the use of modern management techniques;
 - iv. And coach students to become actively involved in resource issues in their home community.

In addition, since the impacts of Covid-19 continue to affect many students emotional and mental health, time working in groups, connecting with others, and in nature is more important now than ever.

2. **Time Schedule**
 - i. January 2022: TFT Operations Manager and School Program Coordinator will confirm 2022 dates, learning goals, and detailed schedule with coordinating teacher from Iowa-Grant Middle School.
 - ii. January-February 2022: Iowa-Grant students and teachers will attend four-day natural resource management course.
 - iii. February-March 2022: TFT Office Manager and Operations Manager will finalize invoice for Iowa-Grant Middle School and apply payment from school, TFT Scholarship Fund, and Biddick Foundation (pending approval).
3. **Other Sources of Funding**
 - i. Iowa-Grant School District = Up to \$3,000 for bussing, substitute teachers, etc.
 - ii. Parents and families of participating students = Approx. \$160 per person
 - iii. TFT Scholarship Fund = Approximately \$3,500
4. **Effect of postponing request to another time:** Without this financial support, many students from Iowa-Grant Middle School may not be able to afford the full tuition fee at Trees For Tomorrow. This could result in either fewer students or a complete cancelation of this unique experience.

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5. Who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt: Up to 30 students and teachers from Iowa-Grant Middle School will attend a natural resource education course early in 2022 at Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River, WI and traveling from Livingston to Eagle River. (Teachers request the bus follows the Wisconsin River north and explore Wisconsin history and geology along the drive to Eagle River.) Students and teachers will realize the impact through reduced course fees for attending a natural resource management course.

B. Organizational history, activities, services, and composition:

1. History: Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) was founded as an independent, nonprofit organization in 1944 by a group of Wisconsin paper and electric utility companies for the purpose of reforesting northern Wisconsin, as well as educating landowners and citizens about the need for proper land management. In the 1940s and '50s TFT gave away tree seedlings, lent out planting machines and hired foresters to develop management plans for landowners. The organization also established an education facility in Eagle River and used the recovering northern forest to teach school students, their teachers and the public about the need for proper forestry practices. In the 1960s, with reforestation substantially completed, TFT turned all its energy to education. Today, "Trees" is the Midwest's leading natural resource specialty school providing field workshops renowned for their effectiveness in teaching natural resource conservation and management concepts to students, teachers and the public. Trees For Tomorrow continues to receive its funding from program fees and the generous contributions of corporations and individuals through annual memberships and donations. TFT also has an on-site campus store and sells tree seedlings in a variety of species. Proceeds from store and seedling sales help support ongoing natural resources education programs.
2. Activities and Services: Trees For Tomorrow offers a variety of programming all centered around our mission of promoting sustainable use of our natural resources through transformative educational experiences. TFT's primary focus is our K-12 overnight natural resource workshops, which are based on almost 80 years of tradition. Elementary, middle, and high schools from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan attend TFT's natural resource courses for one to four day courses focused on land use management, water management, Wisconsin geology, and the skills associated with sustainable management of all natural resources. In addition to school programs, Trees For Tomorrow hosts several special events, family and youth courses, meetings, and other activities throughout the year.
3. Composition: Trees For Tomorrow is staffed by nineteen professional employees including teachers, administrators, maintenance, food service, and housekeeping. As a 501(c)3 non-profit, TFT is overseen by a twelve member Board of Directors. TFT also operates under advice from a thirteen member Advisory Council.

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District
Director

Person to Contact: EO:TPA

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TREES FOR TOMORROW, INC.
P.O. BOX 609
EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN 54521

Refer Reply to: 94-2411

Date: July 14, 1994

RE: EXEMPT STATUS
EIN: 39-0732118

This is in response to the letter, dated July 6, 1994, regarding your status as an organization exempt from Federal income tax.

Our records indicate that a ruling letter was issued in October 1945, granting your organization an exemption from Federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Our records also indicate that your organization is not a private foundation but one that is described in Section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors in computing their taxable income in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or more, you are required to file Form 990, Return of Organizations Exempt from Income tax by the fifteenth day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under Section 511 of the code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on F-990-T.

If any questions arises with respect to your status for Federal income tax purposes, you may use this letter as evidence of your exemption.

This is an advisory letter.

Sincerely yours,



Marilyn W. Day
District Director