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MSHSL Grant A and Grant B Information

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Good morning all,

I have been asked by a Board member questions about the MSHSL Grant A and Grant B Resolution to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation.
The answers to those questions are as follows:
Please contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you.
John

Here are answers to your questions.

1. For Grant B, what is the Grant , under what MN Statute?

The state statute is 128C.24 and it states:

128C.24 LEAGUE FUNDS TRANSFER.

Beginning July 1, 2007, the Minnesota State High School League shall annually determine the sales tax savings attributable to section 297A.70, subdivision 11a, and annually transfer that amount to a nonprofit charitable foundation created for the purpose of promoting high school extracurricular activities. The funds must be used by the foundation to make grants to fund, assist, recognize, or promote high school students' participation in extracurricular activities. The first priority for funding will be grants for scholarships to individuals to offset athletic fees. The foundation must equitably award grants based on considerations of gender balance, school size, and geographic location, to the extent feasible.

History: *2006 c 257 s 19; 1Sp2017 c 1 art 3 s 4*

NOTE: The amendment to this section by Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 4, is effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2017, and before July 1, 2027. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 4, the effective date.

2. AND what are the stipulations for receiving Grant B?

MSHSL Foundation FORM B Grant Request
Categories and Instructions for Submission

2026-2027

Mission Statement: Founded in 2007, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation is a nonprofit association, serving both public and private schools, created to complement the Minnesota State High School League by providing support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts. Minnesota State High School League Foundation's goals are to promote the growth of high school students through participation in valuable extra-curricular activities.
Awarding of Grants (Per State Statute 128C.24): The funds must be used by the foundation to make grants to fund, assist, recognize, or promote high school students' participation in MSHSL fine arts and athletic programs. The first priority for funding will be grants for scholarships to individuals to offset MSHSL activity fees. The foundation must equitably award grants to schools based on considerations of gender balance, school size, and geographic location, to the extent feasible.
• Please read through this entire document prior to making your Form B Grant Application.
• You will not be able to save the Grant Application Form and complete it later. This document will assist with

gathering the information and documents needed prior to filling out either application form.
• Form A and Form B grant applications are due by close of business on Friday, November 6, 2026.

FORM B Grant Request Categories
Each year the MSHSL Foundation Board reviews the criteria and categories for grant requests from member schools and related conferences or regions. The 2026-2027 focus is for three specific areas:
1. Leadership Initiatives: Training sessions for coaches/students/member school personnel regarding the mission and beliefs of the MSHSL or similar leadership initiatives. These may include conference, section or region events.
2. Health and Safety: AEDs, WBGTs, Health and Safety Education such as Anyone Can Save a Life, concussion training/evaluation, acclimatization, and training for care and prevention of injuries, etc.
3. Transportation that reduces barriers to participation for students. The specific barrier(s) must be clearly identified and fully explained. This category MAY NOT include normal transportation from school to school for scheduled contests/competitions or for cooperative sponsorship agreements.
Review Carefully: The following items will not be approved by the MSHSL Foundation Board of Directors:
• Athletic Trainers
• Awards (i.e. trophy, plaque, medal, ribbon, trophy case, etc.)
• Banners
• Banquets
• Capital Expenditures (i.e. items including or similar to construction costs, athletic equipment, helmets, helmet reconditioning, pole vault pit, pitching machine, etc.).
• Club sports or non-League sponsored activities
• Coaching Clinics – Athletic or fine arts activities specific (i.e. football or volleyball coaching clinic)
• Computers, iPads, cameras or other technological devices
• Food, refreshments, meals (including those provided at a conference)
• Hall of Fame
• Membership dues in organizations or registrations for State and National Conferences
• Salaries or benefits
• Support for non-MSHSL students or activities (i.e. Sixth grade participants or activities programs)
• Start-up funding for MSHSL activities
• Student surveys
• T-shirts or similar apparel
• Two-way radios
• Uniforms/Warm-ups/Performance Attire
• Incomplete applications that are submitted without an application AND a line item budget
Other items, similar in nature but not specifically noted above, may also be denied by the Board.
The MSHSL Foundation Board of Directors may approve other requests as determined by the Foundation Board of Directors at any regularly scheduled meeting.

3. Why couldn't we do this at our Regular Board meeting later this month?

As I stated in my original email in the last sentence of the first paragraph: The resolution forms need to be submitted to the MSHSL Foundation by November 6th.