Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Foundation Grant Application
The Kentucky-Tennessee District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. was founded in March of 1982 as a not-for-profit, non-political, 501(c)(3) corporation. The founders felt that Kiwanians, Kiwanis Clubs, and others should have the availability of an organization to which tax-deductible charitable contributions could be made for the benefit of the purposes in which Kiwanians believe. The Foundation's Kentucky Certificate of Incorporation states that: "The purposes for which the corporation is to be formed are scientific, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code 1954 and in this connection, promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school and community, to raise the standards of home life, to instill and inculcate the objects of Kiwanis International."

**Mission Statement:**

The Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District Foundation shall improve the quality of human experiences by

- Providing funds for the early intervention and educational follow-up for young children who are deaf or hearing impaired,
- Providing scholarships to further the education of children or grandchildren of Kiwanis members,
- Providing scholarships to Kiwanis sponsored youth organizations, and
- Providing support for clubs in the Kentucky-Tennessee District with their endeavors to serve children.

**Vision Statement:**

The Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District Foundation shall be dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Kentucky-Tennessee District.
Club grant requirements
Kiwanis clubs must be actively involved in grant-funded projects. When you initiate and lead a project as a Kiwanian, you invest your time in development, coordination, fundraising and implementation—the kind of engagement that deepens your impact. Such engagement also raises the Kiwanis identity in your community.

ONLY CLUBS OR GROUPS WITH 501(c)(3) STATUS ARE ELIGIBLE

Your project must:
• Be Kiwanis-led.
• Be within the Kentucky-Tennessee District.
• Receive at least 40% of total funding from your club.
• Have at least one additional 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt entity funding partner besides the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Foundation.
• Spend the grant funds during the 12 months following the date the funds were awarding.
• Submit a written report to the Foundation within 30 days of the project completion

Ideal projects are:
• **Widely familiar.** A service project that your club is known for—or intends to be known for—throughout the community.
• **Sustainable.** Includes community support, with financial commitment beyond your club and the Kentucky-Tennessee Foundation.
• **Capable of being duplicated.** The kind of project that other clubs and districts can do, too.
• **Children- and community-focused.** Dedicated to improving kids’ lives and the community around them.
• **High-impact.** Makes a significant difference in many lives.
We will not consider requests for:

- Projects without a strong Kiwanis identity or significant hands-on involvement.
- Funding more appropriately provided by a local government or other institution.
- Completed projects or expenses that have already been paid.
- Operating expenses or salaries of established programs and institutions.
- Grants intended to repay loans, establish financial reserves or provide reimbursement.
- Individual assistance, one-time events, sponsorships, scholarships or fellowships.
- Scientific research projects or medical studies.
- Training expenses, travel or lodging.
- Capital construction projects or land/building purchase.
- Operating expenses i.e. rent, utilities, insurance etc.