

## GRANT GUIDELINES

Established in 1997, the Tuscola County Community Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to improving the quality of life in Tuscola County. The foundation accepts and administers gifts from donors of all types. The principal of these gifts remains intact forever, with only the income used for grants. Through the granting process, the Tuscola County Community Foundation addresses the area's needs and supports promising opportunities.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation places emphasis on projects which:

- are innovative,
- present opportunities to leverage other local funds raised by an organization and yield substantial local benefits for the community resources invested,
- facilitate cooperation and collaboration between organizations, and
- have the potential to continue after the grant period.

When making grants, the Tuscola County Community Foundation's Grant Committee and Board of Trustees are guided by the following general policies:

- Other than grants made to individuals through designated scholarship funds, grants are made only to 501 (c) (3) organizations or other tax exempt organizations and programs benefiting the citizens and communities of Tuscola County.
- Grants are made for a wide variety of charitable, community, scientific, literary, educational and cultural programs and purposes while striving for geographic balance.
- No grants are made to churches for sectarian religious programs.
- No grants are made for operating budgets, previously incurred debt, endowment campaigns or fundraising activities. Exceptions are made only with compelling reasons to do so.
- Although not specifically precluded, lower priority is given to requests for travel for groups such as school classes, clubs or sports teams.
- Grants are ordinarily made for one year only.
- Proposals for hospitals, K – 12 schools, child care centers, nursing or retirement facilities, computers, motorized vehicles and tax-supported community services will be considered when they are the type of project emphasized by the foundation, fall within the foregoing general policies, have limited access to other funding, demonstrate substantial impact or address the needs of a significant or underserved portion of the community.

### **Application Deadline**

The application deadline is postmarked by **March 1** for the spring round and postmarked by **October 1** for the fall round.

**To be considered for funding, a complete original application and 6 copies must be submitted.** A complete application must include clear and concise responses to all information requested as well as a cover sheet and all required attachments.

**\*NOTE:** If you are applying to more than one Fund you must submit an original and 6 copies for each Fund you are applying to.

**Please note: The Tuscola County Community Foundation Grant Application form is used for all funds except the Future Youth Involvement Fund and the form is available online at [www.tuscolaccf.org](http://www.tuscolaccf.org).**

The Tuscola County Community Foundation operates without discrimination as to age, race, religion, sex, handicap, sexual orientation or national origin in consideration of grant requests.

All applications should be addressed to:

**Tuscola County Community Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 534**  
**Caro, MI 48723**

**(989) 673-8223**  
[www.tuscolaccf.org](http://www.tuscolaccf.org)

**The Youth Advisory Committee/Future Youth Involvement has a separate application form, but the same mailing address (P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723). The form is available online at [www.tuscolaccf.org](http://www.tuscolaccf.org).**

**\* All applicants are expected to complete the form and send the original along with 6 copies to the address listed above.**

Schools must have the approval from the board of education and/or superintendent when applying for funds. Evidence of approval in the form of an authorized signature must be included on the application.