

Grants for union members

Education Minnesota members have opportunities for thousands of dollars in grants that support professional development, student success initiatives and community engagement in public schools and colleges.

Two major sources of grants through the union are open only to active members.

The Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning offers grants of up to \$3,000 in seven categories and scholarships for members pursuing National Board Certified Teacher status.

In the last full school year, the foundation awarded 35 classroom grants and 22 grants for technology. For education support professionals, foundation grants support professional development activities that enhance their job-related skills. Higher education faculty are eligible for their own category of professional development grants.

The Education Minnesota foundation is built on members helping members. By contributing only \$5 a year through dues, any active member is eligible to seek grant funding for such things as innovative classroom programming, a professional development opportunity or to purchase technology for students. The foundation board, which evaluates proposals and makes the awards, is composed of Education Minnesota members.

The NEA Foundation offers members opportunities for funding, too.

- Learning & Leadership Grants support members' professional development who are public school teachers, education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education.
- Student Achievement Grants are for projects to improve the academic achievement of students in public schools and public higher education institutions.

Both foundations offer grants through the school year with directions and applications online.

To learn about applying for grants or scholarships, go to <http://educationminnesota.org/resources/grants/foundation> or www.neafoundation.org.

