



In a time when dwindling school budgets directly affect the breadth of students' learning opportunities, the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (Foundation) is excited to announce an awards program for forward-looking educators and associated activities, directed towards the enhancement of the educational experience for students within the New Paltz Central School District. It is at the core of our mission to offer assistance in helping to provide for a more well-rounded and enriching experience to prepare those students for the real world.

The Foundation has developed a comprehensive application and selection process. It was designed to develop consistency in the applications to allow for a simplified review by the Foundation. The criteria for granting awards, detailed selection criteria, limits and conditions of the awards, are provided in the project award application description. The main objectives of the project should be to be innovative, with an eye on sustainability, and focused on enriching the students' educational experience beyond mandated programs. Applications must be submitted electronically through our website at [npschoolfoundation.org](http://npschoolfoundation.org). There you will find a link to the Foundation's Award Application. This link will direct you to the district's Professional Development website, My Learning Plan. Here you can complete the application and submit it to your building administrator for review of adherence with the district standards and guidelines. Once approved by your building administrator, it is forwarded to the Superintendent for final approval. Once approved at this level, it is submitted to the Foundation Awards Committee for review. The Foundation Awards Committee will make recommendations to the general Foundation Board on award(s). The Foundation Board will vote on and approve award selection(s).

Once an award is granted, it is the responsibility of the applicant to deliver both an interim and final report on the progress and success, or lack thereof, of the project. These should include detailed commentary on each topic outlined in the application. The Foundation may also request the applicant to present the project to Foundation members at a regular meeting.

At this time the Foundation has allotted \$3,000 for these awards for the balance of the 2012-2013 school year. Interested educators should submit their proposals on or before April 15, 2012. No applications will be accepted for the 2012-2013 awards after this date. Awards may be granted to a single or multiple projects, and will be presented no later than May 30, 2012.

The Foundation is very pleased to be able to offer assistance with piloting innovative projects for the benefit of the students of the NPCSD. We look forward to receiving your proposals for review. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts in educating the children of our community on a daily basis.

Respectfully,

New Paltz Central School District for Student Enhancement