

## The Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets

The Search Institute\* has identified the following building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

1. Family Support
2. Positive family communication
3. Other adult relationships
4. Caring neighborhood
5. Caring school climate
6. Parent involvement in schooling
7. Community values youth
8. Youth as resources
9. Service to others
10. Safety
11. Family boundaries
12. School boundaries
13. Neighborhood boundaries
14. Adult role models
15. Positive peer influence
16. High expectations
17. Creative activities
18. Youth programs
19. Religious community
20. Time at home
21. Achievement motivation
22. School engagement
23. Homework
24. Bonding to school
25. Reading for pleasure
26. Caring
27. Equality and social justice
28. Integrity
29. Honesty
30. Responsibility
31. Restraint
32. Planning and decision making
33. Interpersonal competence
34. Cultural competence
35. Resistance skills
36. Peaceful conflict resolution
37. Personal power
38. Self-esteem
39. Sense of purpose
40. Positive view of personal future

\*The Search Institute of Minneapolis is a national non-profit research organization dedicated to promoting the well-being of children and adolescents.

## Our Mission

- To respond to the current and future charitable needs of the Greater Cedar Valley.
- To secure and serve as the custodian of endowment funds contributed by many donors.
- To create other mechanisms which will channel charitable money, goods, and services to meet community needs.

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*It is suggested that applicants contact  
Carolynn Sween, Community Foundation  
Program Director, to explore the  
appropriateness of requests and for any  
further guidance she may be able to provide  
about current funding priorities.*

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## Grant Application Procedures & Checklist

*for Public and Private Schools in  
Black Hawk County*

## Vision for Education

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The Community Foundation was established to benefit the charitable activities and needs of our area.

The Foundation has a commitment to children and their education. As a result of being a part of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls delegation to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, held in Philadelphia in 1997, the Foundation has taken a lead role in establishing Cedar Valley's Promise to ensure that children/youth have access to the Five Fundamental Resources needed for successful development:

1. An ongoing relationship with a caring adult
2. A healthy start
3. Safe places to learn and grow
4. Education for a marketable skill
5. An opportunity to serve community

As part of its comprehensive plan, Cedar Valley's Promise has adopted, the above five resources within the framework of the Search Institute's 40 developmental assets. (*See back cover.*) These assets have been identified as the building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, responsible, and caring. As part of the comprehensive plan, schools and other youth serving agencies' goals and outcomes will be based on the developmental asset model. This will help to identify gaps in service to youth. Please visit [www.CedarValleysPromise.org](http://www.CedarValleysPromise.org) for more information.

The Foundation is pleased to be a part of this initiative and has agreed to base our funding distributions for youth on the asset model as well.

## General Grant Information

Grants are awarded for projects to benefit students of Black Hawk County Schools according to the following criteria:

- The project should encourage collaboration.
- The project should follow district and individual building goals.
- The project should have clear outcomes based on the resource and asset developmental model.
- The project should be able to be shared with and duplicated in other classrooms/schools.
- The project should create ways to promote the involvement of youth to benefit them in at least one of the following areas—arts and culture, reading, math, science, history, or volunteerism.

Grants ranging from \$250 - \$2500 will be awarded.

Requests including computers, building and grounds repair, construction costs or salaries will not be considered.

APRIL 1 (Postmarked)	Deadline for submission of grant applications for June awards.
JUNE	Date of approval for first award cycle.
OCTOBER 1 (Postmarked)	Deadline for submission of grant applications for December awards.
DECEMBER	Date of approval for second award cycle.

## Application Submission Checklist

Be sure one original and 12 copies of the following information is provided:

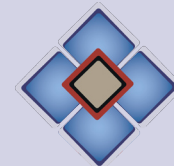
- Two page Grant Application.
- Detailed budget of how the funds will be utilized. If the project costs can be divided into phases, it would help to have those phases defined and prioritized to give the Foundation the opportunity to finance portions of the project.
- A signed cover letter from the principal of the school.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Submit your proposal by the application deadline to:

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Northeast Iowa  
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If you have questions, please call the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa's Program Director,Carolynn Sween at (319) 287-9106.



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