

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: October 17, 2023
TOPIC: #7.2– Minnesota State High School League Grants
PRESENTER: Kristine Schaefer, Assistant Superintendent
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: Policy 510.1 Athletic Activity and Participation

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. Founded in 2007, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation is a nonprofit association, serving both public and private schools, created to complement the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) by providing support for Minnesota’s high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts.
- b. MSHSL Foundation’s goals are to promote the growth of high school students through participation in valuable extra-curricular activities.
- c. The primary goal of the Foundation will be to award grants that assist, recognize, promote, and fund extra- curricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs. These grants will be awarded based upon gender balance, school size and geographic location to the extent possible.
- d. The MSHSL Foundation Board of Directors has determined that the number of Free and reduced lunch students in grades 9–12 will be used for classification purposes.
- e. The Minnesota State High School League Foundation Board of Directors has determined that the number of free and reduced lunch students in grades 9–12 will be used for classification purposes. The MSHSL Foundation wants to encourage each school to seek students whose family income may be limited and encourage them to participate in athletic and fine arts programs in each school community and to recognize the role you play in this endeavor and to assist you in your continued efforts to engage more students. (Form A)
- f. Each year the MSHSL Foundation Board meets to address the focus for grant requests from member schools and related conferences or regions. The 2023–2024 focus is for three specific areas: 1. Leadership Initiatives: Training sessions for coaches/students/member school personnel regarding the mission and beliefs of the MSHSL or similar leadership initiatives. These may include conference, section or region events. 2. Health and Safety: AEDs; Health and Safety Education such as Anyone Can Save a Life, concussion training/evaluation, acclimatization, and care



and prevention of injuries, etc. 3. Transportation that reduces barriers to participation. The specific barrier(s) must be clearly identified and fully explained. This category MAY NOT include normal transportation to and from scheduled school contests/competitions. Such requests will not be funded. (Form B)

- g. The money raised from the grants will be used to help promote our activities to our under-served populations. As part of the application, the MSHSL requires a Board of Director's resolution requesting funds from the MSHSL Foundation.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Approval

C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- a. Student Experience
- b. Engagement and Partnership



FORM A

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of [Name of School/District] [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of [Name of School/District] [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a **FORM A** grant to offset student activity fees.

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Date

Board Chair/Head of School

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Date

Board Clerk – Treasurer/ Finance Director

FORM B

RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD/GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM B APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of [Name of School] [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools to provide seminars/training opportunities or support for specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of [Name of School] [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a **FORM B** grant.

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Date

Board Chair/Head of School

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date

Board Clerk - Treasurer

A RESOLUTION submitted by an Activity Conference or Region Committee must adhere to the same form and context of the School Board Resolution above.