Mini-Grant Application Guidelines
Ithaca Community Fine Arts Booster Group (FABG)

FABG Vision and Mission

The Ithaca Community *Fine Arts Booster Group (FABG*) works in partnership with the Ithaca City School District to strive towards "all the arts for all the kids". The Fine Arts Booster Group supports and celebrates existing district programs and staff, and advocates for increased student opportunities, participation, excellence and access in all arts programs. The Fine Arts Boosters strive to: foster appreciation for the arts; advocate for the arts: improve learning opportunities for all: and increase equitable access for all children.

Application Deadlines*:*

Applications will be considered twice this school year. The schedule for 2010-11 is as follows:

Fall Deadline: October 30 Decision date: mid November

Spring Deadline: to be determined if funds available

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date to be considered.

Application Criteria: Your application will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

Improves and expands learning opportunities
Reaches a large number of children or provides an in-depth experience
Focuses on enhancing classroom curriculum
Supports fine and performing arts needs
Supports but does not supplant district responsibilities
Addresses underserved – arts area or students
(Instrument needs should be directed to the District Music Liaison or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum.)

Application Directions:

*Name:*Indicate the key contact person for this application.

School and Mailing Address: List your preferred mailing address for correspondence with Fine Arts Boosters.. Email addresses are useful for follow up commuication.

Principal's signature: This signature shows that your principal supports this project in scope and need.

Description of Project: As part of the description of the project/event you are organizing, include the following information: (Use another page if needed.)

1) Summarize your project in a short paragraph
2) Indicate the students to be served (number and need)
3) how you will share the activity with the wider school community and the public
4) how does your proposal meet the criteria or mission of FABG (listed above)
5) if you received booster funding for this same project in the past, please comment on the outcome and impact of the past funded project. Also, please tell us about how the project has changed or how you will seek other outside funding in the future. These grants tend to be around $500.
6) if using an artist, provide or attach artist info and background

Budget: List here *all* the expenses and income of the project, even if you are asking for only a portion of these expenses to be covered by this grant. *Expenses* – List the expenses for this project. Artist salary, supplies, equipment, etc. The Fine Arts Booster Group supports reasonable payment for artists. Artists and applicants negotiate their own financial arrangements, but the boosters suggest that schools provide at least a minimum of $35/hour. The artist time may take into consideration time with students, planning time, and preparation time. Artists work in conjunction with teachers to enrich and support ongoing education. *Income* – List other sources of funding for this project. PTA? BOCES Enrichment? Principal funds? Other grants? Also list any inkind contributions. This is income from contributions, such as staff time, existing supplies, space.
Mini-grant request – Indicate how much you are requesting from FABG. Average grant amounts have been in the $300 – 500 range with some grants much smaller and some larger.

You can few lists of past funded projects at www.fabgithaca.org under the "receive" tab:
Send the completed application form postmarked by the deadline to:
FABG Allocations Chair, Fine Arts Boosters, 101 East State Street #182, The Commons, Ithaca, NY 14850
Be sure to make a copy of the application for your records.

Contact us early to discuss your idea or if you have questions at 277-4631 or president@fabgithaca.org. Please consider joining our listserv by emailing FineArtsBoosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and find out about future grant deadlines by email.

FABG is an affiliate of Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI). IPEI is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that works to develop supportive community and private sector relationships with the Ithaca City School District.

***IPEI** also awards **Teacher Grants**. This deadline is November 1. These grants involve community partners and curricular impact. You may wish to expand your idea to fit into the IPEI Teacher Grant program. Check the IPEI web site(www.ipei.org) for an application or contact FABG.*