



SAMPLE ENRICHMENT GRANTS

- Egg incubator to help 1st graders study the life cycle of chickens (\$175)
- 7th grade field trip to Crystal Cave to study rocks and minerals (\$1,000)
- Graphing calculators and study materials for the high school Academic Decathlon team (\$1,000)
- Two digital cameras for the high school photography program (\$1,000)
- Weaving looms for the middle school art club (\$500)
- 5th grade field trip to Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (\$500)
- Metal lathe to replace the 50-year-old lathe in the high school metal shop (\$1,500)
- Rescue equipment for the lifeguard training class at the high school (\$791)

LEEF is overseen by a committee of students, teachers, school board members, and community members. The assets are managed by the Rusk County Community Foundation and are invested as an endowment, with earnings distributed as enrichment grants.

"If we hadn't gotten that grant, I would not have gotten into photography like I did. I wouldn't be as good and as passionate as I am. It is so fun for me, I am considering going into a career in it."

CASEY, LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

"The vast majority of kids wouldn't have opportunities like this because of insufficient funds. Doors have opened up. This is amazing."

BOB LECHER, PRINCIPAL OF
LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL

"We want to plant the seeds of possibilities so that every student has the opportunity to explore his or her passion."

WAYNE AND CAROL GULLSTAD, FUND FOUNDERS



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Their future. Your legacy.





ENRICHMENT

Experiences that go beyond day-to-day lessons.

Experiences that ignite students' passion for learning.

Experiences that open their eyes to the wider world.

- A trip to the state capitol to see how government works.
- Breeding chicks to observe the animal life cycle up close.
- Exploring geological wonders in Wisconsin's longest cave.

FUNDING GAP

Insufficient state funding and Northern Wisconsin rural economics have left a gap in student funding for enrichment experiences.

In 2012, concerned citizens banded together to start the Ladysmith Educational Enrichment Fund (LEEF) to fill that gap. They raised money and began funding activities and projects. The goal was to provide enrichment funding forever.

HOW THE GRANTS WORK

Teachers at Ladysmith's elementary, middle, and high school apply for grants of up to \$1,500 to pay for opportunities that students wouldn't otherwise have, in the areas of fine arts, language arts, social studies, history, foreign language, math, and science.

LEEF has awarded nearly \$10,000 per year since its inception. Every grade level has benefited.

YEAR OF THE MATCH – DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

The fund has been a big success but needs to raise more money to fulfill its mission of a full \$1 million endowment. Through March 2019, the first \$100,000 donated will be matched dollar for dollar.

"It was a fabulous day. The kids learned to appreciate the state capitol, and our representative met them and talked to them. The kids talked all the way home about what they did, what they saw."

BRENDA DANIELSON, 4TH GRADE TEACHER
LADYSMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



YES!

I want to support enrichment for Ladysmith students—and double the impact of my gift.

Name _____
(as you want it to appear in recognition materials)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Enclosed is my check, payable to **School District of Ladysmith, LEEF**
- I want my gift to be anonymous
- I want my gift to honor _____
- My employer will match this gift. I have enclosed a matching form.
- I want to make a gift of stock or a future gift through my will or estate. Please contact me.

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