

**January 2015**  
**Norwalk Education Foundation**  
**Classroom Innovation Grants a la Shark Tank**

*Attention Schools: The Norwalk Education Foundation is matching a \$1500 grant from Fairfield County's Community Foundation to support student ideas for their school.*

*Inspired by a classroom innovation grant NEF funded to a BMHS teacher, NEF is amplifying her **Shark Tank** idea by offering the same opportunity to groups of students in any of the 19 Norwalk schools.*

*Applications are due by February 26th.*

*Here's how it works:*

**Overview**

- Students may work alone or with a group. Must have a staff champion from their school.
- Ideas must enhance their school. Ideas should address one or more of the following: academics, extra-curricular activities, social-emotional well being, physical health/nutrition or safety.
- Proposals which can be sustained after the NEF funding period will be given priority.
- Proposals are due by Feb. 26th
- An NEF committee will review proposals and select finalists to present **Shark Tank** style to a group of community, education and business leaders in mid March.
- Project budgets should not exceed \$500.
- Funding will be provided by end of March.

**Submission Criteria**

- Proposals should be submitted via email to: [info@norwalkeducation.org](mailto:info@norwalkeducation.org) by Feb. 26th.
- Proposals must include a budget, itemizing all costs. Links to purchasing sites can be included as back up.
- Proposals must be signed off by an educator/administrator in the school who is championing the idea.
- Please answer all questions on the application, not to exceed 2 pages (budget can be separate).

**Important**

NEF will not fund daily supplies like paper, pens, pencils nor do we fund field trips.

**Norwalk Education Foundation “Shark Tank” Application**

**Student Names (can submit alone or as a group):**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Educator Champion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_

*In no more than 2 pages, please answer the following questions:*

- 1. Describe your proposal with a short project description, including timeline, goals and how you will sustain in subsequent years after NEF funding is over.
- 2. How will this project enhance your school? How will it engage students, improve learning or pilot a new and innovative idea?
- 3. What inspired this idea? What research have you done to make sure it's a worthwhile idea? Can you provide any examples of this idea being implemented in other schools?
- 4. How much will this cost? Please provide a complete budget with costs for all items.

**Thank you to our funding partner:**

