Project Grant The Jimmy Stewart Museum

Request for Proposals: Elementary, Jr. /Sr. High School Teachers

Promoting Character Education and Ethical Behavior Using the Life and/or Films of Jimmy Stewart





Jimmy Stewart (1905-1997) had a long, successful career as an actor. He also served in the Army during World War II. As a person and as a professional, Jimmy Stewart was noted for his dedication to country, community and family. Stewart's most acclaimed cinematic work addressed issues of character and ethical behavior. As a way of recognizing Stewart's strong commitment to ethics and fairness, the Jimmy Stewart Museum invites elementary and secondary teachers to submit grant proposals for educational projects promoting character formation and ethical behavior. Teachers are encouraged to consider creative, thought-provoking ways of engaging students--especially those who may not be familiar with Stewart's work or biography--in educational experiences fostering positive character education and ethical behavior.

Grant proposals should align with the standards related to character education which includes developing student interpersonal skills; maintaining caring relationships; fostering trust, citizenship, respect, and fairness in human relationships; and promoting responsible behavior.

Grant Awards: Your grant proposal should describe an educational project that incorporates Jimmy Stewart's life or movies into promoting character development among your students. The Jimmy Stewart Museum will fund a maximum of 3 funded grants. Grant proposals should include a budget that does not exceed \$500.00. The applicant's budget narrative should explain the amount needed and why. The award will be sent to your school district **Application Guidelines**:

1. Compose a one-page typed summary of your project describing the purpose of the **project.** Describe how this project will promote character development and or ethical behavior. The Jimmy Stewart Museum plans to feature the completed project on the Jimmy

Stewart Museum website. Describe how the project will capture character development activities. Perhaps your project will be summarized using a series of photographs, a short video, on-line computer program, or perhaps a series of posters or Teachers may take any approach they believe most effective in reaching/engaging their students.

2. Send your Grant Proposal to: The Jimmy Stewart Museum, 835 Philadelphia Street Indiana, PA 15701 by dates posted on our website, www.jimmy.org or email the proposal to: tharley@jimmy.org. The Awards Committee, which is composed of Museum Board members and teachers, will review all grant proposals and send their recommendations to the Museum Director and Board President. Awards will be announced in August.

Project proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 1. Does the proposal promote character development?
- 2. Does the proposal focus on Jimmy Stewart's life or his movies?
- 3. Does the proposal provide a clear picture of the final product?
- 4. Does the proposal use a creative/innovative approach to promote character development?

Feel free to contact the following persons for additional information:

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