

**2022 Genius & Joy Grant Cohort Application**

**Application Preview – April 2022**

*This document is intended to help prospective applicants prepare to submit a Genius & Joy Grant Application. It offers a preview of what you will see in our online portal when this grant round opens on April 13, 2022.*

***Why am I applying to the Minneapolis Foundation for a grant from the Phillips Foundation?*** *Applications for funding from the Phillips Foundation are now made through the Minneapolis Foundation’s online portal, but funding decisions continue to be made by the Phillips Foundation’s independent Board of Directors, and in consultation with its North Minneapolis Education Advisory Committee. You can learn more about this partnership* [*here*](https://phillipsfamilymn.org/2021/03/04/the-jay-rose-phillips-family-foundation-of-minnesota-and-the-minneapolis-foundation-announce-strategic-operating-partnership/)*.*

**WELCOME!**

**Key Dates**

Grant application portal opens April 13, 2022

Application deadline May 5, 2022 (5 p.m. CDT)

Notice of award May 9, 2022

Grant period start date June 27, 2022

Grant period end date September 30, 2022

**Focus Statement**

“Our youths are geniuses. They are not all those things that systemic oppression has created. And young people deserve to be taught by geniuses, those who seek knowledge and deeply love the students in their classes.” - Dr. Gholdy Muhammad

**Background**

With support from the Phillips Foundation, your school has the opportunity to offer one, two or three weeks of culturally responsive summer programming to your students. This is a chance for ALL educators (teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and support staff) to create learning experiences that spark joy, encourage critical thinking, deepen self-understanding, and connect to the North Minneapolis community.

Let your passions be your guide! We are looking for creative, hands-on learning opportunities that will spark interest and joy in students. Learn a new skill! Make music! Explore the neighborhood! Create and build! Tell stories!

This summer, we are particularly encouraging elementary educators to apply for Genius & Joy grants. There will be an opportunity to receive paid skill-building and coaching from literacy specialists on how to incorporate best practices that improve early literacy for students in grades K-3.

That said, all North Minneapolis MPS schools are eligible to apply for support.

Teams of 4 or more educators can apply as a cohort.

Go to [phillipsfamilymn.org/genius](https://phillipsfamilymn.org/genius/) for full information.

**Application Process:**

The 2022 application will be released on Wednesday, April 13.

All interested applicants are encouraged to come to the Genius & Joy Prep Day from 9:00 am – Noon on Saturday, April 23rd. This is an opportunity to work on your proposal with your team, receive feedback from peer educators, and eat yummy food. Attendees will also receive a $100 Visa gift card.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 5 via the Minneapolis Foundation’s online portal.

The Phillips Foundation plans to support Genius & Joy cohorts at 6-8 North Minneapolis MPS schools.

Applications must be submitted online

**Further Assistance:**

As you consider applying for this funding opportunity, Joel Luedtke is available to answer questions about the content of your proposal at Jluedtke@phillipsfamilymn.org or 612-518-8053. If you have technical questions about this process, please contact our Grants Administration team at grantsupport@mplsfoundation.org or 612-672-8665.

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| Title of the Application*The title of the application should reflect your specific request.* | *Enter the name of the application request.*  |

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**GETTING STARTED**

Below is the status of your cohort application for a Genius & Joy Grant. You may click any link to continue, but all sections must be completed before you can submit your application.

You **MUST** click "Save & Go Next" or "Save & Return to Details" to save a page as complete. When every section displays a green checkmark and all required documents are uploaded (see table below), you will be able to sign and submit your application.

Please click on any of the sections to begin or resume your application. You will receive a confirmation email after you have confirmed the information, signed, and submitted your application.

**Section 1: Contact information**
**Section 2: Site details**

**Section 3: Participating educators**
**Section 4: Proposed work**

**Section 5: Genius & Joy summer learning experiences**

**Current Application Status: In Process**

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| **NAME** | **CURRENT STATUS** | **MANDATORY** | **DUE DATE** | **DESCRIPTION** | **DATE COMPLETED** | **TYPE** | **ACTIONS** |
| Supply Budget |  | Yes | 6/4/21 | Using the template provided, please upload your description of estimated costs. |  | Program Budget | Details |
| Proposed Weekly Schedule |  | Yes | 6/4/21 | Using the template provided, please upload your programming schedule. |  | Supplemental Documents | Details |
| Fiscal Agent Letter |  | No | 6/4/21 | Applicable only if using a fiscal agent or fiscal sponsor. |  | Fiscal Agent Letter | Details |
| Supplemental Documents |  | No | 6/4/21 | Optional: Any extra documentation you would like to add to your application. |  | Supplemental Documents | Details |

**Section 1: Contact information**

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| Name of contact person for the applicationContact person titleContact person emailContact person phoneContact person cell phone  | *Auto populated* |
| Is the above accurate? | *Yes**No à Update information* |

 

**Section 2: Site details**

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| Name of school: | *Open text* |
| Site coordinator name: | *Open text* |
| Site coordinator phone: | *Formatted: phone* |
| Site coordinator email: | *Formatted: email* |
| Principal: | *Open text* |
| Principal phone: | *Formatted: phone* |
| Principal email: | *Formatted: email* |
| Dates of proposed Genius & Joy programming:*(Choose all the apply))* | * August 1-4, 2022
* August 8-11, 2022
* August 15-18, 2022
* Other (please specify)
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| (If other) Please specify | Open text |

 

**Section 3: Participating educators**

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| Name: | Email: | Job title (ex. Teacher, A.E., Secretary) | Phone: |
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**Section 4: Proposed work**

This set of questions asks you to describe your proposed work, including the amount you are requesting.

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| Title of application | *Auto populate, with option to edit if needed* |
| In 1-2 paragraphs, describe why this opportunity is a good fit for your school.  | *Open text, 1,000 characters* |
| Families will be able to register their children for Genius & Joy programming through Community Education. However, we strongly encourage schools to recruit participants from their current and incoming students. Please describe how your school will publicize this opportunity to families and recruit participants. | *Open text, 2,000 characters* |
| We ask all participating schools to set a recruitment goal of at least 40 students. Please indicate how many students you plan to serve. | *Open text, 100 characters* |

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**Section 5: Genius & Joy summer learning experiences**

Stipends will be provided to enable educators to develop full-day (6-7 hour) education experiences. Genius & Joy programs should be offered for four days per week (Monday-Thursday). Fridays will be reserved for optional, compensated, learning and renewal sessions for educators.

For each Genius & Joy program you are proposing, please provide the following information. Note that educators at each school site should collaborate to provide a minimum of six hours of programming per day, four days per week. In addition to your narrative, please upload your proposed weekly schedule attachment to illustrate your timetable.

* *Name of experience*
* *Literacy development elements*
* *Other learning goals*
* *How will this experience be shared with the community through final exhibition?*
* *Educator(s) who will be leading/designing this experience*

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| *Open text; 5,000 characters* |



**Confirmation and Signature**

* By checking this box, the applicant confirms the submission of this application and certifies all the information is true and accurate.
* By checking this box, the applicant confirms that the Principal for each site has agreed to this programming.

Please type the name and title of the person who has authorized the submission of this report to the Minneapolis Foundation. Typing the name and title here is an electronic signature.

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| Name | *Type name* |
| Title | *Type Title* |



**Thank you** for submitting your cohort application for for a Genius & Joy Grant. Your application number is *[Application ID auto populated]*. You should receive a confirmation email.

If we have any follow-up questions, you will be contacted by a Foundation staff member. Please direct any technical questions about the application process to Grants Administration at 612-672-8665 or grantsupport@mplsfoundation.org. Please contact Joel Luedtke at Jluedtke@phillipsfamilymn.org or 612-518-8053 with any questions regarding the content of your application or the grant program timeline.

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**Template 1: Proposed Weekly Schedule**

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Start Time** |   |   |   |   |  No G&J camps on Fridays. |
| **List or Describe AM Session(s)** |  |   |   |   |  Optional, paid educator learning events |
| **Lunch Time** |   |   |   |   |  Details and registration TBD |
| **List or Describe PM Session(s)** |   |   |   |   |   |
| **End Time** |   |   |   |   |   |

**Template 2: Supply Budget**

Provide a list of supplies needed to implement this learning experience. Costs can be estimated. Final supply budgets will be developed after schools are selected.

 A good rule of thumb is to budget $500 per week for every 20 students you plan to enroll.

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