

## GRANT POLICY

The MILL Foundation Motivating Individuals for Learning and Living

### *MISSION STATEMENT:*

The MILL seeks to help abused, neglected and at-risk youth and their families to develop and establish appropriate values, healthy relationships, behaviors and life skills that will lead to responsible and productive lives.

### *GRANT CRITERIA:*

General Requirements: a) Be compatible with the Mission Statement of the MILL

Foundation, as

stated above b) Be a 501©(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit agency c)

Provide services within the greater Rockford area, which includes the

counties of Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago. d) Provide report on measurable outcomes.

Areas of Interest: Children, Youth & Families

a) Community and Neighborhood Development as it affects youth

b) Education Grant Proposals:

The MILL looks for proposals which:

- Articulate innovative, visionary and meaningful goals
- Are thoughtful, anticipatory, with some risk taking
- Present clear, specific and measurable plans
- Demonstrate quality, effectiveness and good management
- Provide for long-range fund development beyond the grant funding period

#### Grant Cycle:

The deadline for submitting an application is March 15th of each year. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, proposals are due on the next business day.

**Grants are usually made for one year only; but under certain circumstances, a multi-year commitment may be considered. Organizations awarded a grant previously may now apply on an annual basis.**

#### Exclusions:

In general, grants are not made from the MILL Foundation for the following:

- Annual campaigns
- Generally not on-going deficit budgets
- Endowments
- Individuals
- Ongoing operating expenses and project support
- Re-granting of funds
- Projects or programs that promote a religion or require participation in a religious activity as a condition for receiving services. However, grants may be made to faith-based organizations for other purposes.
- Organizations that restrict services, facilities or employment provided by the grant based on race, creed, color, sex or national origin.