



# Tapemark Funding Guidelines

Tapemark will review funding requests from organizations and/or programs meeting needs in these focus areas:

## **Education**

Tapemark funds programs that provide access to education to individuals that would otherwise not have the opportunity. Priorities on programs aimed at ensuring school readiness, enhancing educational performance and science, math and manufacturing initiatives. Public and private educational programs open to students of all ages, abilities and educational levels are eligible.

## **Culture/Arts**

Tapemark funds programs ensuring community exposure to cultural and art events with priority on outreach and the arts as a learning tool. Programs that promote diversity and multi-culturalism to youth and their families are eligible.

## **Independent Living**

Tapemark funds programs focused on supporting individuals of all ages and abilities to provide options of self-sufficiency to maintain successful, independent living.

## **Human Services**

Tapemark funds this area with support and priority of programs and organizations that directly provide basic needs to families at risk, prevention programs and job training.

### For funding requests up to \$500.00

- Require written notice
- Require 501© (3) certification
- Require timely completion of receipt

### For funding requests over \$500.00

- Require MN Common Grant Application and supporting documents
- Require 501© (3) certification
- Require timely completion of receipt

### Additional criteria that will be considered in Tapemark's review of funding requests:

- **Geography.** In all funding categories, Tapemark will give priority to programs serving individuals in communities where our employees live and work. Therefore, our geographic priorities are Dakota County, Ramsey County, the Twin Cities and the State of Minnesota, in that order.
- **501(c) (3) Status.** In all cases, organizations must verify 501(c) (3) status to receive Tapemark funding.

### We will not fund:

- Capital Campaigns
- Operating Funds
- Individuals
- Religious groups for religious purposes

Application Deadline(to apply click on application link)

Tapemark's funding cycle is the calendar year. The grant application deadlines are April 15<sup>th</sup>, with funding decisions by June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, with funding decisions by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Exceptions, if any, will be reviewed on a case by case basis.*

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