



Community Academic Service Entrepreneur (CASE) Grants

This grant competition empowers and motivates students to apply their classroom learning in real life. CASE grants promote social entrepreneurship by giving students the opportunity to conduct innovative community service projects linked to their academic discipline while addressing and solving social and community related problems. CASE improves learning outcomes and brings excitement to education. CASE was launched with the help the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and has expanded into twenty seven states in the US and on four continents. Projects and proposals can be seen at ServiceBook.org, where the Foundation receives applications and administers the application process.

How CASE works: A host (school or organization) and a sponsor (individual, corporation, philanthropy, etc.) can address a community problem through student engagement. They may also identify and support an academic discipline of their interest. C2P and the host announce the grant availability and students register on ServiceBook.org to submit their innovative ideas to address the designated problem, in partnership with a local community organization. Help for the selection process is provided on the website. A selection panel chooses the winner, who receives a grant to implement the service project under the supervision of a faculty member. The student receives a C2P Certificate of Merit, and a scholarship upon completing the final report. The whole process is generally completed in a single semester.

About C2P: The Foundation is a 501(c)(3). The first program of C2P began at a university in 2000 in Georgia. Today, the Foundation has motivated individuals to contribute to their communities in 27 US states and on four continents. Under the direction of a board of world-class educators, business leaders, technologists, philanthropists and community officials, the Foundation continues to develop and apply programs to link individuals' career skills, professional interests and academic preparation to community service and social entrepreneurship.



PROJECT EXAMPLES:

- A **high school** student in **North Carolina**, in partnership with the Soil and Water Conservation Service constructed a watershed education facility as a resource for teaching high school students about the environment, and for school events, field trips, and technology training.
- College students at **UCLA** gave assistance to high school students for college preparation including buying them prep materials, in a community with 34% poverty level.
- A mechanical engineering student at **Dayton University** in Ohio used the CASE grant to purchase Lego Mindstorms and taught math and science to younger, inner-city students by building robots and other devices together with them.
- A student at the **University of South Dakota** taught singing, dancing, basic instruments and focused listening to children up to five years of age. Parents were active participants in class with their children and, through the CASE grant, took home materials like a CD, songbook, and an instrument.
- A student in **Macalister College, MN** used a CASE grant to create a student-developed handbook, training, recruitment and selection program for 25 mentors to work throughout the year with 100 children adopted in Vietnam, resulting in better school performance and better appreciation of their heritage.
- In communities around **Georgia Southwestern State University** up to 30% of students are below standard in reading because their caregivers also do not read. A GSSU student used a grant from our Foundation to give children “take home” books and train caregivers in reading skills, thus helping caregiver and child teach each other to read.
- Students at **University of Texas** built an online, virtual simulation of Safe Place (the nation’s largest domestic violence shelter) where trainees learn to diagnose and deal with problems as avatars in hypothetical cases, safely apart from the actual shelter. The result is safe training for Safe Place.
- At **Stetson University in Florida**, a music major used a CASE grant to start a community choir for middle and high school students, and to give music and voice technique lessons to students who otherwise could not afford them.

Your organization can bring the spirit of student social entrepreneurship to address a community-related problem. The Foundation's proven CASE model is adaptable to a wide range of issues.

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