

# Wisconsin Mathematics Education Foundation

## Jane Howell Grant for Educators of Color

This grant was created in 2021 through a donation of the Jane Howell family with a goal to support educators of color within Wisconsin. [Jane](#) was a lifelong middle-school educator who valued professional development and diversity. Nationally, 20.7% of public school teachers are teachers of color.<sup>1</sup> Within Wisconsin, only 5.5% of teachers are teachers of color; 59.3% of Wisconsin schools report having no teachers of color.<sup>2</sup> At the same time, the student population continues to become more diverse with 30.9% of Wisconsin students identifying as students of color.

This grant is available to Wisconsin PK - 16 educators of color. We envision using a generous gift from the Howell family to support grants up to \$2000, but we are open to your creative ideas. Applications are accepted and reviewed at any time throughout the year. Applicants will receive notification of the acceptance or rejection of their proposal within one month of the submission date. Submit the completed application and attachments to: [wmef@wismath.org](mailto:wmef@wismath.org)

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Home Address	City	State	Zip
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Date	Phone no. (including area code)	Email
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School or Educational Institution	City, State
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Please check one or more of the following with which you identify:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black           | <input type="checkbox"/> African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Latinx           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian           | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian      | <input type="checkbox"/> multiracial      |                                 |

Other, please specify

I certify that the information submitted is correct, that I am a person of color, and I understand that falsification of any information submitted by me for grant consideration may result in loss or forfeit of any award.

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Signature of Applicant (electronic copy of signature is acceptable)	Date
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.edweek.org/leadership/still-mostly-white-and-female-new-federal-data-on-the-teaching-profession/2020/04>

<sup>2</sup> <https://edtrust.org/educator-diversity/#WI>

This grant is awarded for events that will advance the teaching and learning of mathematics in the State of Wisconsin. There are two purposes for which this grant may be awarded.

- 1) **Supporting Affinity Spaces for Math Teachers of Color** - By Affinity Space, we mean supporting the meeting of an Affinity Group as defined in [this FAQ](#). The Howell Diversity Grant might be used to pay for food, drinks, rental of space, books for a book club, etc.

When applying to support an Affinity Space, please provide a short description of the purpose of the meeting (including how it will advance the teaching and learning of mathematics in Wisconsin) and of the items for which you are requesting financial support. Also include the anticipated number of Wisconsin educators who will be impacted.

- 2) **Providing Support for Attending Workshops or Conferences** - Teachers of color are encouraged to apply for reimbursement of the registration fee for a workshop or conference which will advance the teaching and learning of mathematics in the state of Wisconsin.

In order to apply for this purpose, please share with us the information about the conference (website link, copy or photo of the brochure, etc) including the registration fee. Also include a short, one- or two-paragraph summary of the reason that you would like to attend the workshop or conference, and the impact you expect it to have on your students.

### **Sharing Your Ideas and Reimbursement**

After the Affinity Space event or conference, we would love to help share your ideas with other math educators. This might include creating a video, short article, or presentation at the WMC Annual Conference. It might even be two sentences that could be tweeted to math educators through WMC's Social Media Committee. We will work with you to create and share this message.

When your ideas are shared and images of receipts for approved items are sent to [finance@wismath.org](mailto:finance@wismath.org), you will be reimbursed for your approved expense.

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**Regarding the awarding of grants, the decision of the Wisconsin Mathematics Education Foundation Committee is final.**

The Affinity Group FAQ was originally published by [the Children's Day School](#) of San Francisco.

The Wisconsin Mathematics Education Foundation is a committee of the Wisconsin Mathematics Council, Inc. For more information about our organizations, see the websites for [WMEF](#) and [WMC](#).