



AUGUST TOMUSK FOUNDATION FUND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Guidelines and Instructions

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August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grants

The August Tomusk Foundation, established in 1990, is dedicated to advancing patient care, education, and research in cardiothoracic surgery, vascular surgery, cardiovascular medicine, and transplantation.

Originally from Estonia and living through its occupation at the hands of both Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, Dr. Tomusk immigrated to the United States in 1950 after having escaped a Russian prisoner convoy, traveling mostly by foot at night through Poland to West Germany. He graduated from the University of Tubingen Medical School and completed a residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago upon moving to the United States. He then served as a surgeon in the U.S. Navy, where he was awarded the Navy Commendation Ribbon. Dr. Tomusk then completed a fellowship in cardiovascular surgery at the Texas Heart Institute, specializing in that area of medicine. The rapid evolution of medical advancements allowed him to introduce new therapeutic modalities in Fort Wayne, including renal dialysis, the use of ventilators for postoperative respiratory failure, and coronary artery bypass surgery.

Dr. Tomusk was a founding member of the Indiana Ohio Heart Practice, whose members went on to perform the first heart transplant in northern Indiana in the mid-1980s. The August Tomusk Foundation was initially funded by the Indiana Ohio Heart practice surgeons, along with gifts from patient testimonials and memorials, speaking fees, and honorarium fees from the physicians of Indiana Ohio Heart. The Foundation was created to help non-physician health professionals further their education.

In recognition of Dr. Tomusk's and the Indiana Ohio Heart group's contributions, the Fund continues to assist non-physician health personnel with continuing education.

Professional Development grants of up to \$500 are available for the continuing education of non-physician health professionals involved in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery. The educational opportunity must relate to your career in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery as a refresher course, continuing education credits, certification requirements, added skills, etc.

1. The Community Foundation believes that its grantmaking will demonstrate and live out the values of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne:

- **Connectedness:** We're driven by fostering strong, meaningful relationships with each person we work alongside.
- **Equity:** We strive to honor the unique needs of each individual and organization, providing equitable access to resources and opportunities.
- **Impact:** Each decision should move us toward positive and lasting change, encouraging growth and propelling our community forward.

- **Integrity:** Our stakeholders trust us with their resources in perpetuity. We honor donor intent and act with our community’s needs in mind.
- **Passion:** We pursue our work with enthusiasm and dedication because we love our community.

2. The Community Foundation seeks to eliminate barriers for its grantees and to create stronger relationships.

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne looks forward to working alongside Allen County’s nonprofit organizations, community leaders, and individuals to overcome systemic challenges and uplift our community.

August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grant Application and Evaluation Process

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This grant program is open year-round with no specific deadline. Please be thorough in your narrative and include the necessary information to review the request. Requests will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received. Professional Development grant requests should be submitted 60 days prior to the educational meeting, seminar, or classes that you would like to attend to allow for the review and approval process. Applications will no longer be accepted via paper application and will only be accepted through the online grant’s portal.

August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grant Questions

Contact Information

1. Name
2. Employer
3. Home Address (including City, State, and Zip Code)
4. Preferred Phone Number
5. Email

Meeting, Seminar, or Class Information

1. **Description:** Briefly describe the educational opportunity you wish to enroll or attend. Attach a copy of the course or program materials that includes the sponsor’s name.

Dates

1. **Dates:** The date(s) of the educational program

Relevance

1. **Description:** Briefly describe how this course or program relates to your job in the field of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery. Is it a refresher course, continuing education, certification requirement, added skill, etc.?

Costs

1. List the estimated costs of the educational program, indicating which portion of which you are requesting support

Agreement and Electronic Signature

August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grant Evaluation Rubric

A grant evaluation rubric is a detailed outline that helps evaluators consistently score proposals. The Rubric helps minimize personal bias.

1. Does the application describe an educational opportunity that will support the further study of cardiology or cardiothoracic-related health?
2. Does the applicant describe how this professional development opportunity relates to their current position?
3. Should this professional development opportunity be funded – yes, or no?

Important things to note:

- Applications are accepted and evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis until funds available for the calendar year are gone.
- The Community Foundation may adjust the requested amount anytime during the review process.
- Requests above \$500 will not be considered. The average grant size of August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grant funding is \$500.

Funding Eligibility and Guidelines

- **501(c)(3) Status:** You do not have to be classified as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to receive an August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grant.
- **Location:** You must work in a medical setting that serves Northern Indiana or Northwest Ohio.
- **Multi-Year Funding:** Professional Development Grants are given in one-time-only funding amounts.
- **Previous Funding:** Grantees can only receive **one** Professional Development Grant per calendar year.
- **Reporting:** August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development grants do not require any final reporting as part of the grant award.
- **Restrictions:** As required by IRS rules, grant funds may not be used: a) to carry on lobbying activities as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; b) for partisan political activities that are prohibited under Section 501(c)(3); c) to make a grant to any individual for travel, study or other similar purposes or to make a sub-grant to any other organization unless the grant complies with Section 4945(d)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and the grant is part of the approved purpose; or d) to undertake any activity for any purpose other than the charitable and educational purposes specified in Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the review and selection process for Professional Development Grants?

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne's Leadership Team evaluates proposals on a rolling basis using the rubric provided in the August Tomusk Foundation Fund Professional Development Grant Application and Evaluation Process section of the Grant Guidelines.

2. What is required to receive Professional Development Grant funding?

A copy of course program materials must be attached to the online application along with the name of the entity hosting the educational opportunity.

3. Can we receive more than one Professional Development Grant per calendar year?

No.

4. If I receive a Professional Development Grant, can I receive other grants from the Community Foundation in the same calendar year?

The Community Foundation does not typically give grants to individuals. However, due to the educational nature of this type of grant, the IRS allows special permissions to make grants to individuals. Grants are made under \$600 so that they do not become taxable events for the individual.

5. Who can I talk to at the Community Foundation about grants?

As part of its mission, the Community Foundation strives to serve as a community leader and convener to help create a brighter future for Allen County's residents. We welcome opportunities for our board and staff to learn more about the community's needs. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us below.

Contact Us

We understand that you may occasionally have questions about the application process. Please direct those questions to the contacts below. The Community Foundation is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Note: However, most of the grants team is unavailable after Noon on Friday and will respond to inquiries the following week.

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