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Applications Requested for 2018 Zach Smith Fund Awards

Mount Airy educators can now apply for teaching awards from the Zach Smith Fund of The Winston-Salem Foundation, which was created in 2009 with gifts made in memory of Zach Smith from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, and his family and friends.

The Zach Smith Fund provides grant awards designed to improve the quality of education in Mount Airy, NC and may be given annually to educators and/or administrators employed by the Mount Airy City Schools or local charter schools. Grants will support projects that provide professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators with priority for those that encourage and enrich:

- principal or teacher leadership
- student and/or teacher-originated projects supporting activities such as civic education, environmental education, local and state history, economic literacy, and leadership development
- student and/or teacher-originated arts and humanities projects that encourage creativity

Funds will not be used to provide college scholarships or to support athletic teams.

Approximately \$18,000 is available for the committee to distribute in 2018, and the minimum grant request amount is \$250. The selection committee seeks a wide variety of applications for grant support that will improve the educational quality in Mount Airy. Emphasis will be placed on:

- the way in which initiative, creativity, and imagination are demonstrated in projects
- proposed project's potential impact on students
- strategic relationship between the proposed project and individual professional growth

The deadline for applications is **September 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

For additional information and to apply online, visit www.wsfoundation.org/teachergrants or contact Madelyn McCaully at (336) 725-2382 or mmccaully@wsfoundation.org.

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The Winston-Salem Foundation is a community foundation that supports charitable programs in the greater Forsyth County area. Founded in 1919 with a \$1,000 gift, it now administers 1,450 funds and had total custodial assets of more than \$605 million at the end of 2017. In 2017, the Foundation granted \$46.3 million to charitable causes, almost \$2.9 million of which was through its Community Grants program. Learn more at www.wsfoundation.org.