

Patriotic Grant Program

Since 1995, thousands of students have taken part in our veteran interview program. A Patriotic Grant Program is being offered to those schools whose students and teachers are a part of the Veteran Interview Program and would like to create a patriotic program designed by the teachers and their students to extend the students' patriotic involvement.

We are offering a Patriotic Grant Program whereby the school can receive compensation to create and produce a patriotic program at the school and/or community during the calendar year after they participate in the Veteran Interview Program. The program can include a special patriotic assembly at your school, a town wide event, a special publication, video, DVD, or other creative ideas your students wish, to advance patriotism.

The dollars available are based upon the number of students who participated in the Veteran Interview Program at the Cole Land Transportation Museum during the previous year:

<u>Minimun Number Of Students</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
40	\$1000
60	\$1500
80	\$2000
100	\$2500

Those who have interest need to contact us for an application. A completed application will require a detailed outline of the plan and activities with estimated costs, schedule of events, planned location, contact name and telephone numbers, etc. Once the project is approved, a check will be forwarded to the school.

For those schools who complete their project and have continued interest we would consider further support to communities who are currently without permanent or are in need of updated memorials to their veterans. Students with help from library and other sources could possibly find names of local military veterans covering service back to even the Civil War. To encourage this kind of community patriotic effort, we would commit, following an agreed upon and developed plan, to assist with matching funds up to several thousand dollars if required to build or rebuild a permanent memorial.

We applaud the patriotism inspired by students. For teachers and students who participate in the veteran interview program, we hope these ideas for additional programs will boost their excitement, and expand school and community involvement.