

Dear Barry Community Foundation Staff and Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to be a potential recipient of a grant from your Foundation to make up for shortfalls in our fund development over the past 8 months due to the COVID pandemic.

At the time the pandemic hit in March, we had raised \$11,000 of a \$20,000 goal of matching dollars for our annual fundraising effort. Our annual Gala event was scheduled to take place in mid-April, and our goal was to raise \$20,000 in matching endowed funds and then raise \$20,000 in spendable donations from our event and fund development. We never got the chance to achieve our goal. We had to cancel our Gala and decided as a Board to cease all fund-raising activities out of respect for what our community was going through with the pandemic. Instead of raising our \$40,000 goal for the year, we raised only \$11,000 toward the match. However, when it came time to award our scholarships and classroom grants, our Board decided to award all \$20,000 in scholarships to the graduating seniors and the \$5,000 promised in classroom grants. It was important to us to honor our commitments to our students, teachers, and community. As a result, we had a deficit of over \$14,000 for the year.

Because of our shortfall, we are considering adjusting the amount of student scholarships and classroom grants we will award this year given our deficit and desiring to be responsible stewards of our funds for future years. Receiving a grant from Barry Community Foundation (BCF) would allow us to increase the scholarships we plan to award our seniors and, depending on the size of the grant, could put them back to promised levels. We were planning to award \$20,000 to this year's seniors and instead are proposing to award \$10,000 in scholarships. Whatever amount we receive from BCF would go directly to increase scholarships for our graduating seniors.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and are hopeful that we will receive the award so we can give more of our seniors a scholarship, especially in these difficult times.

Respectfully,

The Board of the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation, an affiliate of the Barry Community Foundation.