

## **NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO FOUNDATION (NRRF) GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA For A NRRF Organizational Grant**

*Mission Statement: "The Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation will help rural Nebraskans acquire educational opportunities and assist other groups in telling the story of agriculture."*

**Program Purpose:** To financially support organizational programs and projects that are involved in telling the story of agriculture and working with rural community development.

### **Amount of Grant:**

- #1. The Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation will provide a grant of up to \$2,500 to be used for programs and projects that fall within the purposes of the foundation. Payment will be made directly to the organization.
- #2. In special situations, the Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation may consider grants in amounts totaling up to \$5,000. Such grants could provide up to \$2,500 as an outright grant and a similar matching amount which could be provided as an interest free loan to be paid back to the Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation within a specified time. Payment will generally be made payable to the participating organization. Loan repayment will be made over a period of time not to exceed three years and will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup> of year.

### **Selection Criteria:**

- √ Applicant organization must be committed to the future of the industry of agriculture and rural communities in Nebraska.
- √ Applicant organization must be able to provide documentation that it currently has ties with, and supports, farming and/or ranching and/or the rural communities of Nebraska.
- √ Applicant organization, if non-profit in nature, must be able to provide a copy of their IRS 501(c)3 or other such documentation as issued by the IRS of the United States.
- √ Applicants organizations may apply for only one grant at any given time.
- √ Applications will be accepted throughout the year by the foundation.
- √ Applicant organization must demonstrate solid evidence of integrity and reputation as indicated by business and personal letters of reference.
- √ Applicant organizations are expected to clearly identify the overall goals of their project/program, intended outcomes and how those outcomes will be measured in terms of success.

- √ Applicant organizations selected from the initial review of written applications may be asked to have one or more staff members participate in a personal interview in one of three NRRF districts of the state as determined by the NRRF. The interviews may be conducted in person or by means of a conference call.
- √ Applicants will be notified by the NRRF with respect to status, approved or not approved. Applications will not be returned and reasons for final decisions will not be provided.
- √ Applications not selected in one year will not automatically be reconsidered in future years. Further interest will require the applicant organization to resubmit a new application.
- √ Applicants will not be considered for more than one grant during any given time period.
- √ Applicant Program Director agrees to sign, as a part of the application process, a liability waiver form to waive any and all legal liability claims, present or future, against the NRRF, its board of directors, officers, donors or any other legal entity of the Nebraska Rural Radio Association its affiliates, employees, officers and members.
- √ Applicant organization and personnel must support and abide by all agreements, policies, rules and regulations of the Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation.
- √ Applications will be submitted in writing on the application form provided by the foundation. All organizational applications will be reviewed and carefully considered without regard to age, gender, race or other such considerations.