



The following (in red) is the language we passed recently amending language about who may submit requests for funding by the IDEA fund and when recusal is appropriate. Although it has been approved by Trustees, it has not been presented to the Illinois District Executive Board.

DISTRIBUTIONS

As stated earlier, it is intended that distributions from the Fund will be made to help and assist the Illinois District, its governing board, members' chapters and individuals by funding and/or advancing payments for the following endeavors, including but not limited to, Special Programs, Musical or Administrative Programs, Benevolent and Philanthropic Endeavors.

Funding Requests

Any member of the Illinois District in good standing may request funds for projects. The request must be made in writing by use of the "Request For Funding" form included as an addendum to this document or by downloading it from the IDEA website and sending it to the Executive Director.

An IDEA Trustee, as a member of the Illinois District, may solicit funding for projects in the method described above and retain a voice when Trustees discuss the project. However, because of the unique position a Trustee holds in the discussion process no Trustee may vote on any motion for approval of a grant in which he would have a direct, personal, financial benefit, either as a coach, director or any other involvement.

Distribution decisions will be made only by recommendation of the Trustees and approved by the Illinois District Executive Board. The Trustees must consider all relevant factors before recommending that a distribution be made. Considerations for funding will include, but will not be limited to, the amount of available cash in the Fund, the type of request, the severity of need and alternative means to satisfy the request.

The following are examples of some potential endeavors that the Fund Trustees may receive as requests for distribution and therefore consider worthwhile as candidates for a Fund distribution:

Special Programs – Funding a new chapter; funding International competitors' expenses to the International contest; funding the efforts of a special committee.

Education – Funding for IDAH; expenses for specific music or administrative programs for the Illinois District or a specific chapter; fund guest speakers at conventions, contests or chapter special events.

Benevolent – Funding a money-raising program for special purpose, such as financial need, disaster recovery for a family or chapter.

Philanthropic – Providing funds for a national, regional or local charity.

The above are ONLY EXAMPLES and are not the only ideas that will be considered.

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