



## **CenturyLink Middle School Philanthropy Program 2016-2017 School Year Guidelines**

### **About the Program**

The CenturyLink Middle School Philanthropy Program was established by CenturyLink in 2012 to increase awareness among Idaho middle/junior high school students of the various needs in their communities, create a lifelong interest in volunteerism and community involvement, develop skills to allocate limited resources, and increase civic engagement.

Scheduled for spring 2017, the fifth round of the Program will allow up to eight middle/junior high school classes in Idaho and southeastern Oregon to determine how to distribute up to \$3,000 each to up to three nonprofit organizations impacting their particular community. CenturyLink has partnered with the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) to manage the Program, including collecting applications from interested schools and dispersing grants to the selected nonprofit organizations.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible participants include Idaho and southeastern Oregon middle/junior high school classes located within communities served by CenturyLink. This includes American Falls, Bancroft, Bellevue, Blackfoot, Bliss, Boise, Bruneau, Burley, Buhl, Caldwell, Castleford, Cottonwood, Craigmont, Culdesac, Declo, Downey, Dayton, Dietrich, Eagle, Eden, Emmett, Franklin, Firth, Gooding, Glens Ferry, Grace, Grangeville, Grandview, Grasmere, Greenleaf, Hailey, Hagerman, Hammett, Hansen, Hazelton, Heyburn, Idaho City, Idaho Falls, Inkom, Jerome, Kamiah, Kimberly, Ketchum, Kooskia, Kuna, Lapwai, Lava Hot Springs, Lewisville, Leadore, Lewiston, Menan, McCammon, Middleton, Melba, Meridian, Murtaugh, Mountain Home, Montpelier, Murphy, Nampa, New Plymouth, Nez Perce, North Fork, Notus, Picabo, Payette, Placerville, Pocatello, Preston, Richfield, Riddle, Roberts, Rigby, Ririe, Riverside, Rexburg, Salmon, Soda Springs, Shelley, Shoshone, Star, Sugar City, Sun Valley, Thatcher, Twin Falls, Winchester, Weiser and Wendell, Idaho; and Ontario, Nyssa and Vale, Oregon.

### **Participant Requirements**

If selected, classes must agree to adhere to the following minimum Program requirements, although teachers may add additional elements to their project such as field trips, volunteering, etc.

- 1) Each student (individually or as a small group) must research a 501(c)3 designated nonprofit organization (non-religious) that serves a need in their local community
- 2) Each student/group must prepare a written summary of the nonprofit, the needs it addresses, the history of the nonprofit, number of people assisted annually, etc.
- 3) Each student/group must present an oral argument/presentation to act as an advocate for their selected nonprofit

- 4) The class must determine how to allocate the approximately \$3000 between up to three of the various organizations; e.g. the entire \$3000 to one nonprofit, \$1000 each to 3 separate nonprofits, or any other combination. The only caveat is that \$500 is the minimum contribution that can be made to a single nonprofit.
- 5) Once the allocations are determined by the students, and approved by CenturyLink as meeting the requirements of the program, the selected nonprofit(s) will be invited to a presentation at the school along with a representative of CenturyLink, so the students can present their donation, as well as discuss their decision-making process and what they learned from this project.
- 6) The project must be completed and the presentation must take place before the end of the 2016/17 school year.

### **How to Apply**

Interested participants can apply online by filling out the CenturyLink Middle School Philanthropy Program Application located on the ICF website at [www.idcomfdn.org/DA\\_Grants](http://www.idcomfdn.org/DA_Grants). The application is a Microsoft Word document in which you can type your responses on your computer and either save and email as an attachment, or save and fax a printed copy to:

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Please save a copy of your application prior to submission. Applications must be emailed or faxed by **Wednesday, November 30, 2016**. Late applications may not be considered.

### **Notifications**

Applications will be reviewed by CenturyLink in late January, and all applicants will be notified of their application status by December 10, 2016.

### **Questions**

Please direct all questions to CenturyLink Market Development Manager Megan Griffin at [megan.griffin@centurylink.com](mailto:megan.griffin@centurylink.com) or (208) 384-2046.