

Grant Funding Request

TRHS Foundation is organized to celebrate the tradition and shape the future of Roosevelt High School by advancing and supporting the students, faculty, alumni and Roosevelt community. Our Grant Funding is specifically provided to TRHS students, staff and faculty through board approval based on need, impact and funds available.

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Applicant First and Last Name

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Project Title

2026 TRHS Senior Party

Project Description (1-2 paragraph summary)

The 2026 senior class marks the 103rd graduating class from Theodore Roosevelt High School. The Roosevelt Senior Party is a Roosevelt tradition that goes back to 1989. Each year after commencement, the Roosevelt Senior Party ensures graduates have a safe, all-night, substance-free gathering to attend. The Roosevelt senior class is approximately 528 students, many from impoverished and underserved communities and this celebration is one last opportunity to gather as a class and honor their accomplishments. The Roosevelt Senior Party takes place in the hallways and amenities at Roosevelt High School and includes activities like: roller skating, Dance Party, karaoke, photo booths, a casino, a puppy room, a foam party, food and more, at no cost to the students. There is also a Pennant Parade along Polk Boulevard the weekend prior to graduation to celebrate all of the graduating seniors. Des Moines Public Schools celebrates its diversity and embraces the challenge to provide equitable opportunities to all its students, which also makes recruiting community partners critical in holding the event. Sponsorship dollars are directly designated for activities, food, decorations, funding personnel like police officers and paramedics, and equipment rentals.

Total Amount Requestes

6000

Project Goal (What learning objective will be met? How will the project meet current needs of students, staff or community? What will the project accomplish?)

The goal of this event is to provide a safe, free, and fun event for the Roosevelt seniors to celebrate their graduation and join together one last time as a class. The target beneficiaries are the 528 graduating seniors and their families, as they will have a safe place to celebrate the end of their high school career surrounded by their peers. It is a celebration of their commitment to learning and the accomplishments that took place within the walls of Roosevelt High School.

Project Management (Who will manage project? Is there additional oversight needed? Are you interested in having a member of the TRHS Foundation board assist?)

The Senior Party Steering Committee and Roosevelt parent volunteers will manage the event planning and volunteer needs. We would welcome participation by the TRHS Foundation board in any capacity, from sharing news about the event on social media to joining us at the party!

Project Target Population (How many students will benefit? Is this within a specific department, staff-related, etc.? What demographic of students will this serve?)

The target population served will be the approximately 528 students that will graduate from Roosevelt High School this year.

Project Duration (How long will the project last? Do you believe there is a long-term impact instead of a one-time benefit?)

The long-term impact might best be shared through a story. The Roosevelt parent who founded the senior party in 1989 have passed away. Because this was such a valued tradition to their family and the Roosevelt community, they elected to honor their mother's legacy by directing memorial gifts to the Roosevelt Senior Party to ensure that it continues in the future.

Project Funding Sources (Have you applied for any additional funding, if so, from who and have you been awarded funds? Are there matching funds available? Are you pursuing any additional funding at this time? Please specify dollar amount where able.)

Grant application was submitted to Polk County for \$7500. We are awaiting notification.

Additional Information (Please provide us any additional information you feel might be important to making our funding decision.) *

The senior party is a decades old tradition that has adapted and evolved through generations of families, a pandemic, a recession, and other challenges, but its importance to the Roosevelt community remains constant. We are grateful for the many organizations, individuals, business owners and community members that have helped carry on this tradition for the students.

Project Budget (Please provide a DETAILED budget below for the entire project costs. Simply upload your budget here.)

2026 Senior Part...

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If you receive funding from the TRHS Foundation, you agree to submit timely follow-up photos and a 2-3-paragraph write-up to be shared via social media and our Roughrider Recall E-newsletter.

YES

NO

Have you been funded by the TRHS Foundation for a previous project? If yes, please list project, amount awarded and date.

2025 \$3,000

By checking the box below, you are agreeing that all information in this application is true and you are officially filing an Special Request Application to the TRHS Foundation Board.

Applicant agrees to terms.

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