

Applicant First and Last Name *

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Department or Organization *

TRHS PTA

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Project Title *

TRHS Senior Party 2022

Project Description (1-2 paragraph summary) *

After commencement on Saturday May 28th, we will hold the 2022 Roosevelt Senior Party, a safe, all-night, substance-free gathering that we encourage all graduates to attend. The party is FREE and is held at Roosevelt High School. At this stage in our planning we estimate the cost of the activities, food, decorations and security at approximately \$100.00 per student at our historical attendance level. This party keeps our students safe on graduation night, keeping them off the road, in a alcohol and drug free environment. It is also the only graduation party many of our families will have.

Total Amount Requested *

5000

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 is to celebrate our diverse and accomplished class of 2022. These students have weathered three waves of Covid-19, attended school virtually, worn masks at school, and had their activities cancelled an entire year. The party keeps the students in a safe and fun environment on a night that statistically can be deadly when some make bad choices to drink and drive. This party is a 38 year tradition and is fondly remembered by so many Roosevelt alums as a highlight of their time in high school. We have looked to our community (mostly local businesses) to help support this event in past years. Given the pandemic and current employment situation, these businesses may not be able to give or provide us the fund raising event opportunities we have seen in the past.

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

The PTA has appointed a special committee lead by MeLissa Lawson and Jenn Kirke, both mothers of 2022 seniors. These women are highly involved and have planned past Senior Parties. They have recruited many other volunteers to help with communication, fundraising, party planning, and other activities.

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

Approximately 450-500 students - the entire senior class of Roosevelt, however using historical attendance, we expect around 350-400.

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

One-time benefit with a lifetime of memories.

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.) *

We are asking the Foundation to match our first \$5,000 raised. We have a multi pronged approach to raising money including other grants, parent and alumni donations, events and business donations. We have just begun our efforts and have approximately \$8k of our overall goal met.

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

We are so grateful for the funds we've received in the past. We are asking for an increase for the reasons outlined above. This grant would impact each and every graduating senior from TRHS. We are also continuing the tradition of the Pennant Parade, started during Covid. It was such a hit with the wider Roosevelt Community bringing people together, gathering at and around the school. These dollars would nearly cover the added cost of fundraising for the Pennant Parade.

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

See attached

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

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

Yes. Historically the Foundation has funded the party between \$1,500 - \$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.