



BUILDING BELONGING AND CONNECTION AT SCHOOL

High School Mini-Grants



The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) is proud to present a mini-grant opportunity to Wisconsin high schools to promote belonging and social connection in their schools. Grants are \$1,000.

TO APPLY

- ▶ Send us a maximum 3-minute student-led video* of how you will use \$1,000 to promote belonging, social connections, and positive relationships in your school.
- ▶ Have your student organization's adult advisor submit your application by November 17, 2025 via this electronic [application](#).

MINI-GRANT RULES

- Schools may request \$1,000 to support an activity, event, etc.
- Schools that received a Belonging Mini Grant from OCMH in the 2024-25 school year are not eligible to apply this year.
- Schools applying must be in Wisconsin and serve high school students.
- Applicants must be an existing, recognized, active student organization at their school. This mini-grant cannot be used to start a new student group.
- Applicants must have a school staff advisor who will serve as the primary point of contact with OCMH, help facilitate the mini-grant award with their school's business office, and maintain email communications with OCMH. Applications must include the advisor's name, role, and email.
- Awarded schools must submit a final report, including a short student-led video*, on their use of the grant money, activities undertaken, and impact by June 5, 2026 and agree to two grant check-ins with OCMH, one in January and the other in March 2026.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOV 17, 2025

Applications are due Monday, November 17, 2025 by 12 pm via this electronic [application](#).

NOV 24, 2025

OCMH will review applications and announce mini-grant awards on/ by Monday, November 24, 2025.

NOV 24, 2025 - MAY 29, 2026

Mini-grant recipients must implement their activities between November 24, 2025 and May 29, 2026.

JUNE 5, 2026

Schools receiving mini-grants must provide a recap on their completed activities, including a short student-led video*, to OCMH by June 5, 2026. Mini-grant report-outs may be shared with OCMH network partners, OCMH website and social media, and with Governor Evers' Office.

See back page for application instructions. ▶



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APPLICATION

General information – provide the following in the online application:

1. High school name and address.
2. School district name.
3. Student organization name, purpose, and how long the group has been in place at the school.
4. Name, title/role, and email of student organization's staff advisor.
5. Written explanation of what the grant request will fund and the goals.
6. Video application link or attachment*.

Video* requirements – include the following in your 3-minute video, your application will be judged on these points:

1. Student/s introduce yourself and your school organization.
2. Tell us why your school needs to focus on belonging, social connections, and building relationships.
3. What you will use the grant funds for and how this will address relationships and belonging in your school.
4. Why your organization is well positioned to accomplish this work.

*Videos can be made via cell phones – we are not expecting high-quality videos. If creating a video for your application will be a challenge, please complete a written application answering the application questions and submit that to ocmh@wisconsin.gov.

IDEAS?



See what 2024-25 Building Belonging and Connection at School Mini Grant recipients used their mini grants for [here](#).

QUESTIONS?



Contact the Office of Children's Mental Health at ocmh@wisconsin.gov

APPLY NOW



Funding for this one-time mini-grant is provided by the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) Program – Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and administered by the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health.



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