

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 <u>application</u>.

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 <u>application</u>.

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?

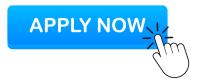


See what 2024-25 Building Belonging and Connection at School Mini Grant recipients used their mini grants for html/





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





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