

Dorothy C. Goodwin Bequest Fund

Dorothy C. Goodwin, Ph.D.

Dorothy Cheney Goodwin, Ph.D. (1914-2007), was born in Hartford and committed her life to public service, earnestly supporting education as a scholar and as a public official. Ms. Goodwin's accomplishments were remarkable because, during her era, women did not traditionally choose academic and legislative roles.

After graduating from Smith College, she began her career in government service. An early commission was for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC. Over the span of nearly two decades, her assignments included World War II service as an intelligence officer in India for the Department of Economic Warfare. Relocating to Japan, she was a government agricultural economist, charged with post-war reconstruction, including land reform.

Returning to her home state, in 1957 she earned the University of Connecticut's first Ph.D. in agricultural economics. These credentials enabled Dr. Goodwin to become an economics professor at the University of Connecticut and, later, the director of the Bureau of Institutional Research. She published papers on topics concerning state financial issues, ranging from tax policy to aid to education.

Dr. Goodwin had two more phases of public service. In 1974 she was elected Mansfield's representative to the Connecticut General Assembly and served five, four-year terms in office. While serving on education, finance and human service committees, Representative Goodwin reformed crucial state educational aid to towns, worked to create Connecticut's "Bottle Bill," and initiated valuable programs for land preservation. Within the legislature she became known as "the conscience of Connecticut" for her tireless efforts to secure equal educational opportunities for Connecticut's children. After retiring from the General Assembly, she was appointed to the Connecticut Board of Education and served as a member of Mansfield's housing authority.

In 1992, Mansfield's Northwest Elementary School was renamed Dorothy C. Goodwin School in her honor. In her estate plans, she graciously made a bequest to the Town of Mansfield, which will be used to motivate students to engage and further her mission and ideals.

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Description, Eligibility, and Proposal Process

Dorothy C. Goodwin bequest funds shall be granted to Mansfield kindergarten- through eighth-grade-aged students who **(1)** formally submit a concise and clear project proposal, using the application form; **(2)** receive project approval from the Bequest Committee to receive a grant; and **(3)** complete projects that promote the civic conscience of Dorothy C. Goodwin. Kindergarten- through eight-grade-aged students living in Mansfield – *including homeschooled and private-school attendees* – are eligible to apply for funding. All students must be supervised by a sponsoring adult.

Proposals to access funds should **(1)** reflect Ms. Goodwin’s values and life mission of community service; **(2)** develop student responsibility, learning and leadership; and **(3)** demonstrate a novel approach to resolve a local issue. Funded projects will feature programs or activities that benefit or enhance the community of Mansfield.

Students must submit a completed application form to the bequest committee through a school principal or through the superintendent at the Mansfield Town Hall. Application forms are posted on the Mansfield Board of Education’s web site: www.mansfieldct.org/mboe, under “Forms.”

Applications (including each project’s proposed budget) **will be accepted in two, 11-month cycles:** (1) by the first Friday in November (completed by October 15 of the following year) and (2) by the first Friday in April (completed by March 15 of the following year). Completed projects will be submitted to each school principal’s office or to the superintendent’s office. After project completion, students will present their finished work to the Board of Education.

Bequest Committee members will review clearly written applications and notify those whose applications are approved. The committee may approve allocating a total of \$500 each 11-month cycle. Proposals for projects will be evaluated on components that promote the values and civic-minded character of Dorothy C. Goodwin and will explain the positive impact the proposed project will have on our community. Also, please explain project goals, list materials needed and their cost, and identify each adult supervisor/sponsor.

Once an application is approved, please contact the superintendent’s office (429.3350) to arrange purchases through a purchase order. If a purchase order is unable to be processed, reimbursement will be provided upon proof of purchase. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement of purchases made by individuals. Funds will not be provided for: field trips and travel, computer hardware/software, audio-visual equipment, on-going support or operating expenses, annual fund-raising campaigns for nonprofits, political campaigns or political purposes, wages or salaries.

At the beginning of each school year, the superintendent shall request that staff notify all students about the Dorothy C. Goodwin Bequest Fund and its purpose. School principals (or parents of Mansfield students who are homeschooled or attend private schools) will submit completed applications to the superintendent (at the Board of Education’s office in the Mansfield Town Hall) in an envelope addressed to the chair of the Board of Education’s Dorothy C. Goodwin Bequest Committee as soon after the first Friday in November or the first Friday in April as possible. In mid-November and in mid-April, the committee will meet to review each application. Students will know if their project is approved by the end of November (or the end of April), allowing eleven (11) months for students to complete their work.

Each fiscal quarter, the town of Mansfield’s finance director shall submit a review of the fund balance to the Board of Education, as listed in the town’s special revenue account. **Dorothy C. Goodwin Bequest Fund**

Donations of additional funds to perpetuate Dorothy C. Goodwin’s legacy are welcome.

Application Proposal Form (please type or print neatly)

(Please submit to either your school principal or to the superintendent at Mansfield's Town Hall.)

Student Name: _____ E-mail: _____

School (or address if homeschooled): _____

Printed Name of Supervising Adult (Parent, Teacher, etc): _____

Adult's e-mail and telephone number: _____

As supervising adult, I will provide necessary support and guidance to allow this project to be completed as proposed (and approved) and on time and further assume responsibility for ensuring that expenses reflect proposed budget and that grant funds are spent honestly and responsibly. I certify the applying student lives in Mansfield.

Adult's Certifying Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Participating Students Directly Involved, Grade Level(s):

Student Certification: I (we) certify that my (our) proposed project will require work in addition to what is assigned in school and that I (we) will complete my (our) Dorothy C. Goodwin civic project. I (we) live in Mansfield.

Student Signature(s) and Date:

Parent/Supervising Adult Signature and Date:

Name of Project: _____

Students: Using about 350 words (or fewer), describe your project. Answer these questions to the best of your ability: What do you want to do (state your goal)? Does this project have several parts or phases? If so, describe them. Whom will it affect, or who will find your idea useful? Will it change a town process, or how will your project impact Mansfield? What will you learn from this project? How will you know if you have succeeded in reaching your goal?

Description:

Budget: List items to be purchased and costs. Please see *Description, Eligibility, and Proposal Process* regarding purchase procedures.

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