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Eligible entities include:

- C Corporations
- S Corporations
- Limited Liability Corporations
- Partnerships
- Limited Liability Partnerships
- Sole Proprietorships

The Beaver Area School District Education Foundation is an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO), and businesses must apply specifically for EIO credits if they wish to support the Beaver Area School District Education Foundation.

This year, all applicants will be required to submit applications electronically through newpa.com. Businesses renewing a two-year commitment may apply beginning **May 15**, new businesses may apply beginning **July 2**. Applications are approved on a first-come, first-served basis by date submitted. Last year, credits were fully exhausted within one week.

For complete details on participation in the EITC program and the approval process through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, please visit the Department of Community & Economic Development website at: www.newpa.com

PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit program: 1-800-379-7448.
PA Department of Revenue: 717-772-3896.



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Expansion of the Successful Mock Trial Program

For students passionate about the law, public speaking, or problem solving, Mock Trial can be an extremely fulfilling academic pursuit. Students prepare legal cases that they then present, as a team, in front of a judge. Participants experience first-hand the difficulties that judges, lawyers and juries face in determining which facts are relevant and what legal arguments are effective. Benefits of Mock Trial:

- Public Speaking & Presentation Skills
- Critical Thinking & Analysis Skills
- Development of Legal Skills
- Teamwork
- First-Rate Academic Competition

Funds from EITC would allow for the expansion of the Mock Trial program to a year-round learning experience, and support the students' participation in various competitions, including Class Mock Trials, University of Pittsburgh Tournament, University of Pennsylvania Tournament, County and State Competitions, and Empire State Tournament.

Empowering Students Through Technology in the Age of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

While the traditional Advanced Placement and College in High School models have had a tremendous impact on many students, Beaver Area School District (BASD) is proposing another option for a select group of highly motivated students who prefer a more hands-on and innovative approach to learning. These students would receive curriculum and instruction that emphasizes non-routine, analytic, and interactive communication skills, a more future-ready technology-integrated approach to curriculum, and a focus on the development of the "Four-Cs."

- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity & Innovation.

This non-traditional technology-rich learning model would increase educational productivity by altering curriculum delivery practices, engaging students in a deeper level of rigorous instruction, and introducing students to content experts from around the world, while learning valuable skills required for work and college in the 21st Century. Funding assistance through PA EITC would support the purchase and maintenance of equipment, hardware, software, apps, certification exams, and experiences required for the implementation and associated costs of this program.

Why choose Beaver Area School District Education Foundation?

The Beaver Area School District Education Foundation has a long history of service to students, families, and teachers of the Beaver Area School District through scholarships, student and teacher mini-grants, and innovative educational programs. In fact, we started working with the Beaver Area School District in 1985. An IRS designated 501(c)3 non-profit, the Beaver Area School District Education Foundation is serving as the fiscal sponsor for the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit projects to benefit the Beaver Area School District.

Currently, there are two projects which qualify for support through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program: Expansion of the Mock Trial program and Empowering Students Through Technology in the Age of STEM.