



The *AWESOME* Fund

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**Inspirational Canvas Paintings - \$1,000 – Student Leader Emma Rock; Faculty Advisor Felicia Homberger**

The 80 members of Girls United MN, an established club at HHS, are embarking on a rigorous public relations campaign. They will create and post empowering positive quotes, pictures and affirmations in Hopkins High School girls' bathrooms. Their goal is to reinforce feelings of self-worth and unity among young women. The club received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the Hopkins Elementary Schools where they piloted this campaign and are excited to spread these messages of support to their fellow high school students.

**Creating a Speech Team - \$1,200 – Student Leader Ezana Tedla; Faculty Advisor Trevor Martinez**

A group of five students is intent to restore Hopkins' Speech Team after a lapse of inaction. The club's goal is to increase the public speaking opportunities and ability for any interested student, and also foster interest in writing. Oratory skills are an important component in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century student's toolbox, no matter their future plans. This *Awesome Fund* grant will get the team up and running, including the entry fee for tournaments. Junior High students will be invited to join the team as well.

**Student Art 'Zine - \$500 – Student Leader Teddie Bernard; Faculty Advisor Jeff Kocur**

This seed money will help print the first edition of 'Reflections', the re-booted annual art magazine, last offered in 2016-17. An editorial team of 5-10 students is eager to offer a voice and showcase for their peers' creativity while learning the process of publishing a magazine. Any Hopkins High School student is invited to submit and share original work in photography,

ceramics, poetry, short stories, painting, visual arts and music. 'Reflections' will be a high quality 'zine with the goal of sharing art in a tangible publication, a more formal venue than social media platforms. The *Awesome Fund* grant shares the start-up costs of producing the first edition. Profits from sales will be invested in the following year's production costs.

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The Hopkins Education Foundation's Awesome Fund '**Empowers Student Clubs to Do Cool Stuff**'. It provides modest grants to registered new or existing Student Clubs to pursue ideas/projects that help other students, enhance the community, or heighten students' educational experience and their interest in school. The Awesome Fund is supported by a generous Hopkins alumnus, a matching donation from his employer, and the family & friends of Ethan Lang (Class of 2009).