

April 6, 2009

Dear Employee of Adams County School District 50:

The District 50 Education Foundation is pleased to announce the continuation of the grant program in memory of Don Ciancio Sr., former Board of Education member and lifelong community volunteer. The Employee Grant is designed to support the educational opportunities of both certified and non-certified employees by honoring Don Ciancio's commitment to quality education in School District 50. As a long-time resident of Westminster, Mr. Ciancio contributed his time and resources to a variety of school district programs including the Board of Education, Ranum High School Booster Club and National Honor Society. His restaurant, Ciancio's at Hyland Hills, provided food, and meeting accommodations to school groups, the district and the Education Foundation. As a lifelong resident of the school district, Mr. Ciancio believed in education, serving on the school board for fifteen years, insuring a quality education for all Adams County School District 50 students and choosing to educate his children and grandchildren in the district.

The Foundation will consider community service/volunteerism as one aspect of the grant evaluation. It is the goal of the Foundation to reward those employees who are committed long term employees in the school district and who give back to their school, the district or the community in which they live.

The Employee Grant in Memory of Don Ciancio will provide twelve grants (approximately \$500 each) to any certified or classified employee wishing to advance their education. The grant is intended for any non-probationary certified or classified employee and may be used for advanced degree classes, in pursuit of Associates Degree, a professional license or other training that will be beneficial in your position with Adams County School District 50. This grant is not available for re-licensure classes.

The grants are a reimbursement program for coursework taken after June 1, 2009. Grant winners will submit an official transcript and a receipt of payment in order to be reimbursed. Winners will be notified within 2 weeks of grant submission deadline.

The District 50 Education Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of students in Adams County School District 50. A well-trained, educated workforce is just one way in which we support our schools, staff and students.

Grants are to be submitted to the foundation office. If you have any questions, please contact the foundation office at 720-542-5086.

Sincerely,

Christy Dodd, Executive Director