**Brain Builder Resource Fair Mini-grant Application**

Mini-grant applications are due 12:00 pm, February 22, 2019. Applications must be submitted [online](https://mtfccla.org/community-outreach/brain-builders-fair/). All applicants will be notified by February 28.

**Chapter Information (submit online)**

Chapter Name:

Number of Chapter Members:

School Name:

School Address:

Chapter Adviser Name:

Chapter Adviser Phone:

Chapter Adviser Email:

Other Chapter Member Contact Person (optional):

Other Chapter Member Contact Person Number (optional):

County Served:

**Background**

The overall goal of the Brain Builder resource fairs is to strengthen communities and families by expanding their knowledge of available resources and services. Ultimately, this project will contribute to the success of the community’s children and, therefore, the success of the community.

Brain Builder resource fairs also aim to increase understanding of early child and brain development. The science of child development is often not intuitive. To address the gap between neuroscience and public understanding of child development, scientists from the Harvard Center on the Developing Child collaborated with communication experts to create a scientific narrative called The Core Story of Child Development. The *Core Story* uses concrete, mechanistic metaphors that translate complex science into terms familiar to the general public. Chapters are encouraged to create games and activities for their fair that demonstrate principles of the *Core Story*. Ideas for these games and activities can be found in the fair toolkit.

Note: Save responses in a word processing document to prevent losing your work—navigating away from this webpage before submitting will delete responses.

**Mandatory Requirements**

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must adhere to all requirements herein.

1. The funded fair will be held before May 31, 2019.
2. The mini-grant report form will be submitted within 30 days after the fair is held.
3. Attendees at the fair will complete evaluation surveys (available in toolkit). The responses will be compiled and submitted with the report form.
4. The chapter will invite the organizations listed below to showcase their services at the resource fair. If a representative of an organization cannot attend the fair in-person, an FCCLA member or other local volunteer will serve as an “ambassador” for the organization and share information about the organization’s resources or services at the fair. More than one organization may be represented by one ambassador. Descriptions of the organizations and contact information can be found in the fair toolkit.
	* + Montana Parent Partner Program
		+ Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana Care Van
		+ Montana Children’s Trust Fund
		+ ParentingMontana.org
		+ Montana Lifespan Respite Coalition
		+ Montana Legal Services Association
		+ Montana Afterschool Alliance
		+ Montana WIC
		+ Department of Public Health and Human (DPHHS) programs—SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, LIEAP, No Kid Hungry
		+ DPHHS Early Childhood Services Bureau—Best Beginnings Childcare Scholarship, Headstart Collaboration Office, STARS Preschool
5. The chapter will invite the local representatives of the following institutions.
	* + Clinic/Hospital/Health Center
		+ Child Care Center
		+ Library
		+ Youth Organizations (4-H, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)
		+ Higher Education (community college, university, program specializing in non-traditional education, job training program etc.)
		+ Best Beginnings Coalitions
6. The fair will display *Core Story of Child Development* posters (available in toolkit) and chapter members will be able to effectively explain the posters’ child development concepts.
7. The chapter will make a strong effort to include a reading nook (comfortable area for fair attendees to read books with their children), preferably with a book giveaway.
8. Promotional materials will include the Montana Children’s Trust Fund and MT FCCLA logos.
9. The chapter will design and execute the fair towards the goal of improving understanding of child development and increasing access of preventative health programs to families in their community.

[ ]  I certify that I have read and agree to the terms above.

**Budget**

Provide a budget using the template provided. The budget template and sample can be downloaded [here](https://mtfccla.org/community-outreach/brain-builders-fair/).

**Written Responses (maximum 300 words each)**

Describe your chapter’s capacity to effectively plan and execute a Brain Builder resource fair. Does your chapter have experience planning a similar event? Does your chapter feel confident in recruiting the necessary number of volunteers to run games and activities, set up and tear down the event, ambassador for absent organizations, collect attendee surveys, and educate on Brain Story concepts?

Describe how a Brain Builder resource fair would benefit your community.