

Xcel backs education with 5 grants in area

Times staff report

Five area organizations received educational grants from Xcel Energy Foundation.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota received \$10,000 for the Project Learn Education Initiative, providing after-school support to more than 1,500 members at the Eastside, Roosevelt, St. Joseph and Southside units.

The St. John's Arboretum received \$2,500 to support the K-6 Environmental Education Field Study Program.

The St. Cloud Technical College Foundation received \$8,000 for scholarships, with preference

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for areas of technology.

The St. Cloud State University Foundation received \$2,500 for scholarships for entering freshmen, with preference for areas of math, science, technology and the environment.

St. Cloud State University received \$8,000 to raise interest and awareness of minority and female elementary and junior high students in science and technical fields by providing math, computer and science experiences at summer camp.

The grants totaled \$1.6 million in Xcel Energy's 11-state service area.