

# Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

## GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

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**Applicant Name & Position:** Lucinda Eversman / Franklin & Lincoln Elementary Family Resource Coordinator

**School/Organization Involved:** Franklin Elementary

**Amount Requested:** \$ 22,407.85

**Purpose of Funding:** Imagination Library

**Targeted Grade Levels:** PreK-K 1-3 4-5 6-8 9-12 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant:** 1002

**Academic Area:** Reading Language Arts Social Studies Math  
Science Fine arts Community Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences):**

Imagination Library is a fantastic program that exposes children birth to 5 years of age to books at no cost to their family. With sponsorships we will be able to reach more children in our community and help Simpson County children to succeed.

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**Grant Cycle Submitted:** Feb. April Sept. Nov.

### Required Signatures

**Simpson County Schools:**

**Principal/Supervisor**

*Rachel C. Wright*

**Date**

9-24-2020

**Superintendent**

**Date**

**Community Organizations:**

We want the children in Simpson County to have the opportunity to be exposed to books at an early age to potentially raise literacy rates in the future. Simpson County currently has 23% of adults reading at or below a third grade level. To increase literacy rates, the existence of an effective primary education system and other programs are necessary to enable a large part of the population to acquire the written word in daily life. Imagination Library is one of those amazing programs that helps place books in the hands of children. Any child from birth to 5 years of age, at no cost to the participant, is eligible to receive this wonderful opportunity. Dolly Parton founded Imagination Library as a tribute to her father who was illiterate. Dolly states that her dream is for every child to grow up in a home full of books. This organization gives 1 book a month to over 1 million children around the world. In Simpson County we currently, per the census, have 1,094 eligible children to receive this program. We, at one time, have graduated 1,200 participants from the program. The cost for this program is \$2.10 per book or \$25 a year per child. We have been so incredibly fortunate to have generous sponsors to help fund this program throughout the years: Franklin Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Simpson County Schools, the Rotary Club of Simpson County, and the Community Early Childhood Council. Currently, we have projected donations, in total, of \$2,642.85. At this time, we have 444 children in Simpson County enrolled. The cost to continue sponsoring them will be \$11,100 per year. We need to raise this amount to keep these kids receiving their monthly book. We have a wait list that currently has 58 children on it, which is \$1,450.00 more to be able to enroll these children. Families are currently submitting paper registration forms because all online applications are suspended at this time due to lack of funds to cover the expense. In total we need \$9,907.15 just to cover the children that are already enrolled and the waiting list applicants which total 502 children. We would like to be able to reopen the online applications, but to be able to do this we will have to secure funds to cover the cost for them as well. If we could secure funds for 500 more children the cost would be an additional \$12,500. The chart below breaks down the current cost and the additional cost to be able to cover the increase in numbers when registration can fully be reopened.

<b><i>Imagination Library</i></b>	<b><i>Total Children</i></b>	<b><i>Total amount to sponsor</i></b>
Children already signed up	444	\$11,100
Children on wait list	58	\$1,450
Potential sign ups	500	\$12,500
<b>Total:</b>	1002	\$25,050
<b>Possible donations</b>		-\$2642.85
<b>Final Amount Requested:</b>		<b>\$22,407.15</b>

We want to ensure that the children of Simpson County have every opportunity to succeed. If a child is read to or simply has the access to independently look at books it will increase their chance of being successful. Books also open a child's imagination. In today's world we are technology driven. The placement of a real book that a child can actually touch and flip through the pages should never be completely replaced by a computer.