

Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Application must be typed. If you experience difficulty completing, please contact our office at 270-586-8018 or email fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com. Completed applications should be submitted via email to fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com in PDF form. Application deadlines are outlined below.

Applicant Name & Position: J'Nora Anderson- Principal/Advisor

School/Organization Involved: Franklin-Simpson High School/ WKU Young Male Leadership

Academy

Amount Requested: \$7,500 (\$1,500 times 5 boys)

Purpose of Funding: I am requesting funding to help support 5 FSHS students (1 sophomore, 2 juniors, 2 seniors) who are members of the WKU Young Male Leadership Academy. This funding will help support their competing at the State and National Educators Rising Competition which is a network of rising educators and teachers leaders who come together to learn from each other through breakout sessions, network with other future educators around the state and country, and compete in competitive events that allow students to develop and showcase their teaching skills.

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

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: 5

Academic Area: Reading Language Arts Social Studies Math
Science Fine arts **Community** Other: Educator Pathway for HS students

Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences):

The WKU Young Male Leadership Academy is a college preparation and recruitment initiative, which develops leadership skills in young males of diverse backgrounds by exploring the teaching profession. The goal of the organization is to increase the awareness of teacher opportunities and the rewards associated with the teaching profession, to establish a pipeline of minority students interested in the teaching profession, to provide mentoring opportunities for underrepresented male populations in the teaching profession, and enhance the educational preparedness of students interested in the teaching profession.

Franklin-Simpson High School has participated in this program for three years and we have five young males of color who are currently enrolled in this program. As part of the program, the young men compete at the state Educators Rising Competition which is held in Louisville, KY and at the National Educators Rising Competition which is being held in Washington DC this summer. The students from FSHS are competing in the categories of Researching Learning Challenges where they have to research and make a presentation on a particular learning disability/challenge that faces students in school and ways students can overcome that challenge. They are also competing in the Public Service Announcement category where they will present a PSA on teacher recruitment, as well as Impromptu Speaking. The \$1,500 per young man being requested will help offset the cost for registration for the competitions, allowing the boys to travel and attend both conferences,

and participate in additional activities while at the national competition. Last year, the cost to attend state and national competition for the 23 boys in the program was around \$30,000. The Dean of the College of Education at WKU, Dr. Murphy contributes to the cost of funding this initiative as well as each school/district. Mr. Schlosser has been supportive of the program for the FSHS boys to participate over the last two years. Specifically, monies supplied will help to pay for registration, transportation (charter bus) and food (breakfast and dinner) to Louisville, KY on March 6th for the state level competition. The funds provided will also help to pay for the registration, food, transportation, and lodging for the young men as they travel to compete at the national level in Washington, D.C June 28th-July 1st of this year. While in DC, the young men will not only participate in the competition, but will also visit museums such as the African-American History Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and the National Mall in downtown DC. The monies will be used to supply each young man with 2 WKU YMLA Polos (gray and red) which they wear to the competitions and the fees/registrations that go along with competing.

The young men from FSHS the last two years have placed at the state and national levels in their categories. Two of the young men from FSHS are seniors this year and are planning to go into the teaching profession which lets us know that the experience and mentorship they are receiving from this program is making an impact. The young men within the program are supported by Dr. Devanee Lasley who is the Program Coordinator and Advisor within the WKU Teacher Recruitment Office, Mr. Michael Coleman, Mr. Chris Stunson, and Mrs. J'Nora Anderson who all serve as Program Coordinators/Advisors/School Liaisons. The WKU Young Male Leadership Academy has been in existence since 2007 and has supported thousands of young men in continuing their education at the post-secondary level as well as helping them to matriculate into the education profession. We hope that you will consider funding this opportunity for the young men to continue their involvement in the program and to be able to go and compete at both the state and national levels in their respective categories. YMLA has diligently served its communities as a great tool to introduce the Education profession to young men of diverse backgrounds. It is a tool we are using to help support and push potential individuals down the educator pipeline to come back and work within the Simpson County School System. This program and others like it are how we "grow our own" and get more individuals, specifically, more males of color interested into the field of education. Not only are we gaining their interest in an education career, we are preparing them for any workforce by teaching them skills such as effective communication, leadership, and integrity.

The young men, their advisor (J'Nora Anderson), and their families appreciate your consideration and support in helping them be successful. Please see the link below to learn more about the WKU Young Male Leadership Academy and its impact on recruiting and retaining young men of color into the educational field.

Competition Registration Cost: State: \$110/ National: \$399
Hotel Cost: \$250/night- staying 3 nights
Transportation Cost: \$200/young man
Polo (shirt) Cost: \$40 (2 polos)
Food: \$250-\$350/young man (state- 2 meals/ nat'l-12 meals)
Additional Activities: \$150/young man

WKU Young Male Leadership Academy: https://www.wku.edu/redtp/young_male_leadership_academy.php

Educators Rising Organization: <https://educatorsrising.org/conference-competitions/>

Address of School/Organization: 211 S Main St., Franklin, KY 42134

<i>Monday, April 22 Friday, April 12</i>
<i>Monday, August 26 Friday, August 16</i>
<i>Monday, September 23 Friday, September 13</i>
<i>Monday, October 28 Friday, October 18</i>
<i>Monday, November 25 Friday, November 15</i>

**Applications submitted by Simpson County Schools personnel MUST have board of education approval PRIOR to submission to FSEEF. Contact the Central Office to have approval of your application included on the board agenda. Central Office will need a copy of your proposal to be signed by the superintendent after board approval. Board of Education meeting dates are subject to change. Applicant is then responsible for submitting the SIGNED proposal to FSEEF.*

Allow a 3-4 week review period. At that time, funding recommendations will be made to the FSEEF, Inc. for final approval. You will be contacted upon the completion of this final step.

*We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Send completed applications in PDF form via email to:
fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com*

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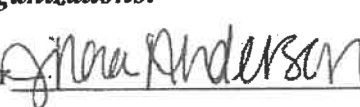
Grant Cycle Submitted: Feb. April Sept. Nov.

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor  Date 2-7-24
Superintendent _____ Date _____

Community Organizations:

Grant Preparer  Title WKVWLA Advisor Date 2/7/24
Board Representative _____ Title _____ Date _____

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PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO CREATE YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

Writing Guidelines

- 1) Application is complete and follows format outlined below. Please submit cover sheet and narrative **ELECTRONICALLY IN PDF FORM** to fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com. Do not include the writing guidelines and other considerations pages in your submission. These pages are for your reference only.
- 2) Demonstrates innovative and/or program/curriculum or identifiable need.
- 3) Clearly defines learning goals and offers a meaningful way to measure success.
- 4) Clearly defines an area of need for students, school, or community.
- 5) Simpson County Schools applicants MUST include signatures of principal & superintendent (indicating board of education approval) before submitting to FSEEF. See Important Considerations.

A. NARRATIVE: Choose Option I or II depending on organization's status:

I. SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOLS AND PERSONNEL

Describe Your Request

- 1) Describe the problem(s) or need(s) addressed by this request. Be sure to:
 - a. State your school's mission.
 - b. Clearly describe how this program/project will help your school to carry out its mission
- 2) Describe in detail the specific activities and strategies of this project,
- 3) Incorporate a **timeline** for implementation.
- 4) Describe in detail the expected outcome/goals of your project and how these outcomes will be measured.

OR

II. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Organizational History and Structure

- 1) Briefly describe your organization’s purpose, mission, and goals.
- 2) Is your organization tax-exempt?
- 3) Detail your sources of total program funding/ financial support.
- 4) Provide a list of board members and staff as an attachment.

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- 3) Incorporate a timeline for implementation.
- 4) Describe the expected outcome/goals of your project. Explain how the outcomes will help meet your organization’s mission.

B. EVALUATION

- 1) Please describe the evaluation method you will use to measure the success of your project. What questions will be answered?

C. BUDGET—Must be reasonable for scope of project and number of learners affected. 1) Please supply a detailed budget of how you plan to use the requested funding to ensure the success of your proposed project. Applicant may attach estimates, quotes or data collected online to support budget projections. Attachments DO NOT replace a constructed project budget.

- 2) Please indicate any other sources of funding you are seeking for this project and the amounts received or anticipated from those sources.

D. APPLICATION SUMMARY—The mission of the Franklin Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc. is “to supplement existing educational opportunities through funding to educators and community organizations in order to facilitate effective learning.” Applicants should clearly discuss how the proposed project meets not only their school/organization’s mission statement, but also how it meets FSEEF’s mission.

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IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS for completing your proposal:

- FSEEF funds learner-directed projects. Applicants should not submit for travel, training, “bricks and mortar,” or salaries UNLESS it can be justified clearly and completely as an integral part of the project.
- Applicants must follow the format outlined in this application packet. A completed cover sheet must be included. Failure to submit a complete application will result in application being returned for revision to meet the guidelines and for future consideration.
- Out of fairness to all applicants, FSEEF board members should not be asked to review application prior to submission.
- Applications will be reviewed in order received. Early submission is encouraged.

Grant applications will be compiled and reviewed on a quarterly basis as outlined below.

<i>2024 FSEEF Meeting Dates for Grant Reviews</i>	<i>Grant Must Be Submitted by 2:00 p.m on this date</i>
<i>Monday, February 26 Friday, February 16</i>	
<i>Monday, March 25 Friday, March 15</i>	