

# Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

## GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

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**Applicant Name & Position:** Abby Eaton, Teacher

**School/Organization Involved:** Franklin-Simpson High School, Publications

**Amount Requested:** \$8,000

**Purpose of Funding:** Classroom technology, Yearbook and other Publications

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

**Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant:** 25+

**Academic Area:** Reading    Language Arts    Social Studies    Math  
Science    Fine arts    Community    Other: Technology, Design

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

The purpose of the project is to address the need for modern technology and 21st-century skills development in the publications class at Franklin-Simpson High School. By purchasing iMac computers, the project aims to enhance students' digital literacy skills, engage them in hands-on learning experiences, and prepare them for future careers in media.

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

### Required Signatures

**Simpson County Schools:**

**Principal/Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 7/31/21

**Superintendent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 9-19-24

**Community Organizations:**

**Grant Preparer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Representative** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 9-19-24

## A. NARRATIVE

1. The mission of Franklin-Simpson High School is to empower students to be college and/or career ready.

The proposed project aims to address the need for modern technology and 21st-century skills development in our publications class. By purchasing 5 iMac computers, we will provide our students with the necessary tools to learn about journalism, graphic design, and digital media production. This project will enable us to enhance their digital literacy skills, engage them in hands-on learning experiences, and prepare them for future careers in media. By fulfilling this need, we will be able to better fulfill our school's mission of empowering students to be college and/or career ready.

2. The specific activities and strategies of this project include:
  - Conducting hands-on lessons on journalism principles, graphic design, and digital media production using the iMac computers.
  - Providing students with opportunities to create and edit content for the school newspaper, yearbook, and other publications.
  - Collaborating with local professionals in the field of journalism and media production to provide mentorship and real-world experiences for students.
  - Integrating technology into the curriculum to enhance students' digital literacy skills and prepare them for future careers in media.
3. Timeline for Implementation:

Month 1 - Purchase and install the five iMac computers in the dedicated publications classroom.

Months 2-3 - Conduct training sessions for the publications class on how to effectively utilize the iMac computers for journalism and media production.

Months 4-6 - Implement hands-on activities and projects using the iMac computers to enhance students' skills and knowledge in journalism and media production.
4. Expected Outcomes and Goals:
  - Improved student engagement and motivation in the publications class.
  - Enhanced digital literacy skills, including proficiency in graphic design and media production software.
  - Increased quality and frequency of publications produced by the class.
  - Development of critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills through project-based learning.

Measurement:

- Student surveys and feedback to assess their engagement and satisfaction with the new technology.
- Evaluation of student work and publications to gauge the improvement in quality and creativity.
- Comparison of student performance in journalism and media-related assessments before and after the implementation of the project.
- Feedback from local professionals and mentors on the students' progress and skills development.

## **B. EVALUATION**

The success of this project will be measured through the following evaluation methods:

1) Surveys: We will administer surveys to students to gather their feedback on the impact of the iMac computers on their learning experience and engagement in the publications class. The surveys will include questions about their proficiency in graphic design and media production software, as well as their overall satisfaction with the new technology.

2) Assessment of Student Work: We will evaluate the quality and creativity of the publications produced by the class after the implementation of the project. This will include reviewing articles, layouts, and other media content created by the students.

3) Pre and Post-Assessments: We will administer pre and post-assessments to measure the students' knowledge and skills in journalism and media production. By comparing the results of these assessments, we will be able to determine the impact of the iMac computers on their learning outcomes.

4) Feedback from Professionals: We will seek feedback from local professionals and mentors in the field of journalism and media production, as well as within state competitions. Their input will provide valuable insights into the students' progress and skill development.

Through these evaluation methods, we will gather data to assess the effectiveness of the iMac computers in enhancing student learning and achieving the desired outcomes of the project.

## **C. BUDGET**

5 apple iMacs - \$1,499/each

Total: \$7,495

We hope to receive a grant from the Educational Excellence Foundation to cover this purchase. We will explore other fundraising opportunities or grants if necessary.

#### **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.” The proposed project aligns with both our school's mission of empowering students to be college and/or career ready and the mission of the foundation.

By purchasing iMac computers for our publications class, we will provide our students with the necessary tools and resources to develop 21st-century skills in journalism, graphic design, and media production. This project will enhance their digital literacy, engage them in hands-on learning experiences, and prepare them for future careers in media. By investing in our students' education and providing them with modern technology, we are facilitating effective learning and supporting the mission of the Franklin Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.