

# Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

## GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Application must be typed. If you experience difficulty completing, please contact our office at email [fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com](mailto:fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com)

Applicant Name & Position: Aaron Talley - FSHS Choir Director

School/Organization Involved: FSHS Advanced Choir

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Purpose of Funding: To support students academic learning by travelling to NYC

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

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: 16

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

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

The Franklin-Simpson High School (FSHS) Advanced Choir is seeking funding to support an educational and performance trip to New York City from April 6-10. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will allow our talented student vocalists to perform at a prestigious venue, and experience iconic cultural landmarks such as Broadway, Carnegie Hall, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This trip aligns with our mission to inspire excellence in music education, broaden students' artistic horizons, and foster a deeper appreciation for the performing arts. We aim to raise [\$X] to cover travel, lodging, meals, and program expenses, ensuring all students can participate regardless of financial constraints. Your support will help enrich the lives of our students, cultivate their talents, and create lasting memories as they represent FSHS on a national stage.

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Grant Cycle Submitted: September November February April

### Required Signatures

#### Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor Date 1/13/25

Superintendent Date 01-21-25

#### Community Organizations:

Grant Preparer Title FSHS Team Date 1/13/25

Board Representative Title Chairman Date 01-21-25

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO CREATE YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

### Writing Guidelines

- 1) Application is complete and follows format outlined below, two to four pages in length, postmarked by deadline, includes **12** copies (one for each director & staff) or digital media and one hard copy including signed cover sheet.
- 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 & board approval **before submitting to FSEEF.** (See Important Considerations below.)

#### 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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#### 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) Provide a **detailed** budget of how you plan to use the requested funding to ensure the success of your proposed project. Applicants 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 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.

**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 in addition to the narrative portion which addresses A-D in outline above. Failure to submit a complete application will result in application being returned for revision to meet the established guidelines and will delay consideration until the next cycle.
- Out of fairness to all applicants, FSEEF board members should not be asked to review applications 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 indicated below.*

<b>2024-2025 FSEEF Meeting Dates for Grant Review</b>	<b>Grant Must Be Submitted by 2:00 p.m on this date</b>
8/26/2024	8/19/2024
9/23/2024	9/16/2024
10/28/2024	10/21/2024
11/25/2024	11/18/2024
12/23/2024	12/16/2024
1/27/2025	1/20/2025
2/24/2025	2/17/2025
3/24/2025	3/17/2025
4/28/2025	4/21/2025

*\*\*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 1-2 week review period. All applicants will be contacted within one week of grant review meeting.*

*Send completed applications to:*  
**FSEEF Grant Applications, P.O. Box 94, Franklin, KY 42135-0094**  
*or e-mail to [fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com](mailto:fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com)*



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## Franklin-Simpson High School Advanced Choir

### FSEEF Grant Application

NYC Trip - April 6-10, 2025

### Introduction

The Franklin-Simpson High School Choir is a thriving community of talented young musicians who dedicate themselves to the pursuit of artistic excellence. Under the guidance of our passionate and experienced faculty, the choir represents the heart of our school's commitment to fostering creativity, discipline, and teamwork. This spring, we have an extraordinary opportunity to further enrich our students' lives by traveling to New York City during spring break 2025. This trip will provide our choir members with unique educational experiences, including participation in professional workshops, live performances at renowned venues, and immersive cultural experiences in one of the world's greatest cities for the arts. We respectfully request \$5,000 from the Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation to help make this dream a reality.

### Purpose and Goals

The primary purpose of this trip is to expand the students' understanding and appreciation of music through hands-on experiences in a professional and cultural setting. Our goals include:

1. **Enhancing Musical Education:** Students will participate in workshops led by Broadway professionals and choral experts, allowing them to refine their technical and performance skills.
2. **Cultural Exposure:** Visiting iconic landmarks such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Metropolitan Opera House will broaden students' perspectives on the history and significance of the performing arts.
3. **Building Lifelong Memories:** For many students, this trip will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience that inspires future aspirations in music and other





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areas.

## Impact on Students and Community

The NYC trip will have a lasting impact on both the students and the Franklin-Simpson community. By providing these young musicians with a transformative experience, we will:

- Foster increased confidence and enthusiasm for the performing arts, which they will bring back to local performances and events.
- Enhance their leadership and teamwork skills as they prepare for and perform in high-pressure settings.
- Inspire students to pursue higher education and careers in the arts, helping to elevate the cultural vitality of our community.

The benefits of this trip will ripple beyond the individual participants, as students will share their enriched perspectives and experiences with peers, family members, and the broader Franklin-Simpson community.

## Budget Overview

The total cost of the trip is estimated at \$15,000, which includes transportation, lodging, and performance costs for 17 choir members. Our funding plan includes:

- **Student Contributions:** \$3,000 (20%)
- **Fundraising Efforts:** \$5,000 (33%)
- **Grant Request:** \$5,000 (33%)
- **Community Donations and Sponsorships:** \$1,500 (15%)

The requested \$5,000 from the Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation will specifically help subsidize workshop fees and transportation costs, ensuring accessibility for all students regardless of financial circumstances.

## Conclusion

The Franklin-Simpson High School Choir's trip to New York City is not just a journey; it is an opportunity for our students to grow as musicians, individuals, and ambassadors of our community. Your generous support will play a crucial role in making this trip



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financially feasible and enriching the lives of our students in profound ways. We are deeply grateful for your consideration and steadfast commitment to educational excellence in Franklin-Simpson.

Thank you for investing in the future of our students and supporting the arts in our community.

## **Contact Information**

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