

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

Applicant Name & Position: Kyle Graves - Director of Bands - Franklin-Simpson High School

School/Non-Profit Organization

Involved: Franklin - Simpson Band Boosters **Amount Requested:**
\$8,000 - \$78,000

Purpose of Funding: purchase of instruments (tubas & bass clarinets) and equipment (subwoofers & props)

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

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: 162

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

Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences):

the band has urgent and immediate needs for more tubas, bass clarinets, subwoofers, a drumline, and funds for props. These are all outlined in detail in the separate proposal attached.

Address of School/Organization: 400 S. College St. Franklin, KY 42134

Contact Person: Kyle Graves

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Grant Cycle Submitted: September November February April

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor _____ Date 2/3/25

Superintendent _____ Date _____

Community 501c3 Non-Profit Organizations:

Grant Preparer [Signature] Title Director of Bands Date 02/03/2025

Board Representative _____ Title _____ Date _____

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 501c3 NON-PROFIT 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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- 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) 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.

<i>2024-2025 FSEEF Meeting Dates for Grant Review</i>	<i>Grant Must Be Submitted by 2:00 p.m on this date</i>
<i>8/26/2024</i>	<i>8/19/2024</i>
<i>9/23/2024</i>	<i>9/16/2024</i>
<i>10/28/2024</i>	<i>10/21/2024</i>
<i>11/25/2024</i>	<i>11/18/2024</i>
<i>12/23/2024</i>	<i>12/16/2024</i>
<i>1/27/2025</i>	<i>1/20/2025</i>
<i>2/24/2025</i>	<i>2/17/2025</i>
<i>3/24/2025</i>	<i>3/17/2024</i>
<i>4/28/2025</i>	<i>4/21/2025</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 1-2 week review period. All applicants will be contacted within one week of grant review meeting.

Send completed application and 12 copies to:
FSEEF Grant Applications, P.O. Box 94, Franklin, KY 42135-0094
or e-mail to fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com

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**Grant Application of
Franklin-Simpson Bands & Band Boosters
Under the Direction of Kyle Graves**

Franklin-Simpson Bands encompasses part of the music education offerings at FS Middle and High School, under the direction of Kyle Graves and Amber Lamastus. We currently serve approximately 200 students, making the band program one of the largest student groups in the county! Musicians and performers have the opportunity to perform in a variety of ensembles, such as the Wildcat Marching Band, Middle & High School Concert Bands, Colorguard, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensembles, and a host of various district, region, and state honor bands.

The mission of Franklin-Simpson Schools, per Superintendent Scholsser is to “develop all students to their fullest potential and prepare them for the next level of life”. Music education is a tool with a proven success rate in helping students become well rounded citizens. While in school, music can reiterate and reinforce the teachings of other subjects like math and language arts while expanding less tangible, but equally vital skills, like tenacity, expression, and teamwork. After graduation, the skill sets attained through music education can be carried on throughout life to literally continue playing an instrument until the age of eighty for enjoyment and pleasure, or directly translated to practically any goal in life. Playing and performing in an ensemble teaches a musician or performer to be accountable for their part while maintaining an awareness of the ever-changing ensemble. Music performance is troubleshooting “on the go”, diligence, calculations, translations, discipline, language, expression, self-awareness, math, science, dedication, and love.

Robust Fine Arts offerings are indicators of a healthy school system where students have choices when considering co-curricular activities (those that enhance classroom learning). As a general rule, ten percent of a school’s population should be enrolled in band, in systems where Fine Arts are equitably supported. Presently, FS Bands is short of that marker, but in order to pursue it diligently, the proper resources need to be in place so that as new students enroll in our ensembles, the resources necessary for their success (and group’s) are already in place. The FS Bands are supported by the FS Band Boosters, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with the mission of addressing all aspects of the band program at Simpson County Schools.

The Franklin-Simpson Band Boosters and members of the band program fundraise ninety percent of the program’s annual budget. These funds go directly to the band program for necessities like instruments, instrument repairs, uniforms, contest registration and travel, show & drill design, music composition, sound equipment, etc. Funding a successful band is expensive, as are the different elements of a marching band production. In recent decades, a marching band no longer cadences on the field, performs a half-time show, and cadences off. Productions are now taken on the road to compete in marching competitions across the state and nation. Participation and successful showing in these events requires sound support through electronics, athletic uniforms that make a greater range of motion visually effective, bold props, and the means to transport them. The request of FS Bands for the Education Excellence Grant is to contribute to their goal of doubling the Band Boosters Annual Budget in order to increase the performance capabilities of the band, attract and retain more middle school band students for the high school program, and increase the overall membership of the FS Band Program.

The Education Excellence Grant could be applied to any of the following needs of the band program (in order of need):

1. Tubas/ Sousaphones: we currently do not have enough working instruments to supply the number of students who are interested in learning and playing the tuba. As our program continues to grow the purchase of these instruments will ensure our ensembles have the best opportunity for successful performance.
2. Bass Clarinets: same as tubas, we have more students interested in learning and playing the bass clarinet than we do instruments. As our program continues to grow the purchase of these instruments will ensure our ensembles have the best opportunity for successful performance.
3. Marching Band Sound System Upgrades: as our program continues to grow and become more competitive, the sound design for our shows will need support in the lower ranges. Currently we only have two full range speakers that supply little bass.
4. Props: each year, our Band Boosters buy or build the props for our Fall productions. Depending on the design, our budget ranges from \$5,000 - \$15,000. Any funds awarded for this category would free up budgetary expenses to be used in other categories (like purchasing more instruments)!
5. Drumline: our current drumline is nearly 30 years old and is on its 'last leg'.

All estimates are listed on the final page. Tubas/ Sousaphones and Bass Clarinets are immediate needs that could be ordered upon awarding of the grant funds. These are examples of some of the needs of the band program at present, but in no way reflect all of the needs of the program. Upon being awarded any grant, the Band Booster Board would review the grant with the Director of Bands at their next monthly meeting, vote on the disbursement of the funds, and move forward accordingly. The FS Band Boosters hold meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order and motion all major expenditures not part of the annual budget to a vote. All expenses of the group are recorded by the Treasurer and made available to all for the purposes of accountability and improvement. The items mentioned are necessities of a successful band experience for all students and would benefit the band and its members for decades to come. Students are "making due" with equipment and supplies well beyond their serviceable life. Receiving funds to purchase new tubas/ sousaphones and bass clarinets would put equipment in the hands of students that want to play for generations.

If awarded any amount toward any of the above described needs, FS Bands will continue to grow both in numbers of participants and in successful performance. We are one of the most visible student groups in Simpson County as we perform concerts, appear at civic events/ parades, and show up to support our athletics! Supporting the needs outlined will supplement existing opportunities and facilitate effective learning through strengthening our school's ensembles.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Kyle Graves
Director of Bands
Franklin-Simpson High School
Franklin, KY

Proposal Estimates and Sources:

Tubas & Sousaphones- \$8,636.30 - \$41,547.94:

Need an additional TWO concert tubas and TWO sousaphones

Concert tuba:

<https://www.musicarts.com/king-2341w-series-4-valve-4-4-bbb-tuba-main0026565?variantid=0042772> - \$8,636.30 each

Sousaphones (marching tuba):

<https://www.musicarts.com/conn-20k-series-brass-bbb-sousaphone-main0134675?variantid=0036045> - \$12,137.67 each

Bass Clarinets: - \$6,153.60:

Need TWO bass clarinets - \$3076.80 each

<https://www.musicarts.com/backun-backun-alpha-low-c-synthetic-bass-clarinet-with-silver-plated-keys-2-piece-neck-hardshell-case-main0534725?variantid=1604245>

Marching Band Sound System Upgrades: - \$3,200:

Need TWO subwoofers - \$1599 each

<https://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/DXS15XLF--yamaha-dxs15xlf-1600w-15-inch-powered-subwoofer>

Drumline: \$9,000-\$12,000:

Need 3 new marching snares, 2 tenors, and 5 bass drums. The Pearl "Championship" Series is the industry standard for high school ensembles.

<https://www.steveweissmusic.com/category/pearl-marching>

Props: \$5,000-\$15,000:

This is a wide range category with many different variants in many different price categories.

We can put to use whatever we can buy!

<https://www.a-m-designs.com/rollingplatforms.html>