

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: J'Nora Anderson- Principal/Advisor

School/Non-Profit Organization

Involved: Franklin-Simpson High School/Western Kentucky University Young Male Leadership Academy

\$6,000 (\$2,000 times 3 boys)

Purpose of Funding: We are requesting funding to help support 3 FSHS students (1 sophomore and 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 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: 3

Academic Area: Reading Language Arts Social Studies Math
Science Fine arts Community Other: Educator Pathway for High School 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. We want to provide mentoring opportunities for underrepresented male populations in the teaching profession, and enhance the educational preparedness of students interested in the teaching profession. (continued below)

Address of School/Organization:

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Grant Cycle Submitted: September November **February** April

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor J. Anderson Date Feb. 10, 2025
DeVane Tabley-Program Coordinator
Superintendent _____ Date _____

Community 501c3 Non-Profit Organizations:

Grant Preparer _____ Title _____ Date _____

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

Franklin-Simpson High School has participated in this program for four years and we have three young males 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 Orlando, FL this summer. The students from FSHS are competing in the categories of Public Speaking and Job Interviewing. The Public Speaking Competition is designed to highlight students who demonstrate the qualities of self-composure, confidence, and the ability to clearly articulate information by combining thoughtful preparation and confident delivery into an interesting presentation on a current education topic. The Job Interview Competition is an opportunity for Educators Rising members to develop and practice their interview skills, as well as cover letter and résumé writing skills. In this competition, entrants apply for a position as a paraprofessional (a link to the position description can be found below). This includes submitting a cover letter explaining why the entrant is a good candidate for the position, as well as a résumé that details relevant work, volunteer work, and educational experiences. 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 few years. Specifically, monies supplied will help to pay for registration, transportation, and food for Louisville, KY and Orlando, FL. The state competition is March 5th and the national competition is June 26th to 30th.

The young men from FSHS the last few years have placed at state and national levels in their categories. Two of the young men from FSHS are seniors this year and are interested in going 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 all serve as Program advisors as well. 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 help 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. 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 WKU Young Male Leadership Academy and its impact on recruiting and retaining young men of color into the educational field.

WKU YMLA: https://www.wku.edu/redtp.young_male_leadership_academy.php
Educators Rising Organization: <https://educatorsrising.org/conference-competitions/>

Competition Registration Cost: State \$110/National \$399
Hotel Cost: \$250/night- staying 4 nights
Transportation Cost: \$300/young man
Polo Shirt: \$40
Food: \$400/young man
Additional Expenses: \$250/young man