

Inside Out Education Field Trip Grant Program

Purpose

The Kentucky State Parks Foundation Education Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation is pleased to offer grants to K-12 schools to support the cost of student field trips to Kentucky's State Parks and Historic Sites. The goal of the Inside Out Education Field Trip Program is to extend classroom learning and provide immersive field experiences that align with core curriculum objectives. By utilizing the Kentucky's incredible State Park system as a learning laboratory, the program seeks to enhance the traditional classroom experience and maximize student achievement.

Grant Details

- Grants are **only** applicable for trips to the **Kentucky State Parks** and **Historic Sites** (this does **not** include the Kentucky Horse Park or Kentucky State Capitol)
- A list of eligible sites is at <https://parks.ky.gov/parks/find-a-park>
- Grants are to be used on field trips during the current academic year, including summer programming
- Funds are granted on a reimbursement basis, pending approval of the application
- Reimbursement payments are made directly to the applicant school or school district
- Eligible expenses include transportation, park admission/programming fee, meals, and other expenses specifically related to the cost of the student field trip
- Maximum amount of grant awarded is \$1,000 for a day trip and \$2,000 for an overnight experience
- Reimbursement requires completion of a Grant Report Form within 30 days of the field trip
- Grant applications are accepted throughout the year and grants are awarded until available funds have been exhausted

Eligibility

- Any K-12 educator/administrator in Kentucky is eligible to apply for a grant on behalf of their school
- Homeschool collectives that are registered as 501(c)(3) charitable organizations are also eligible to apply
- Each applicant must have initiated contact with the State Park/Historic Site they intend to visit
- Each grant request must state the primary education objectives of the field experience, as well as specify the academic standards being addressed

How To Apply:

- Visit the Blue Grass Community Foundation's Grant Portal to access the online application: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=bgcf>
- Create an Account on the Grant Portal by entering the name of your School as the "Organization"
- Enter 00-0000000 when prompted to enter the EIN for the organization (unless your org. has an EIN)
- When prompted to enter User information, the teacher or administrator who will be the main contact for this grant should be entered
- When prompted about the Organization's Executive Officer, you can enter the principal of your school.
- Once you have successfully created an account and logged into the Grant Portal, you will apply using the Inside Out Education Field Trip Grant application

Questions?

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