



BOARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

2026 GRANT FUNDING CYCLE

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Community Organizations:

Name of Organization _____ Name of Project/Event _____

Grant Preparer Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

Board Representative Name _____

Board Representative Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

Simpson County Schools:

Name of Organization FSHS - Chelsea Adams Name of Project/Event Tomorrow's Leaders

Principal/Supervisor Name Michael Wix Date 1/7/26

Principal/Supervisor Signature [Signature] Date 1/7/26

Superintendent Name _____ Date _____

Superintendent Signature _____ Date _____



Chelsea Adams <chelsea.adams@simpson.kyschools.us>

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2026 Grant Cycle Rotary Club of Franklin, KY

Application for grant funding cycle 2026. Deadline to submit application is February 2, 2026 11:59pm CST. Applications awarded will be announced March 1, 2026 For questions please contact, Robin at 270-223-8092.

Email *

chelsea.adams@simpson.kyschools.us

Organization Name *

FSHS Youth Service Center

Organization Grant Contact Person *

Chelsea Adams

Organization Grant Contact Phone Number *

270-586-8802

Organization Grant Contact Email *

chelsea.adams@simpson.kyschools.us

Organization Mailing Address *

400 S. College St. Franklin, KY 42134

Amount Requested *

1,000

If partially funded, what amount is necessary to provide meaningful support to your program? *

500.00

Total Cost of the Project *

23,417.00

Name of the project/event if different than the organization name. *

Tomorrow's Leaders

Which of the 7 Focus Areas of Rotary International does this project/event align with?

Focus areas

- 1) Promoting Peace
- 2) Fighting Disease
- 3) Providing Clean Water Sanitation, and Hygiene
- 4) Saving Mothers and Children
- 5) Supporting Education and Literacy
- 6) Growing Local Economies
- 7) Protecting the Environment
- 8) Other

Please describe in 2-3 sentences how your project aligns with Rotary International's Focus Areas.

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Tomorrow's Leaders is a leadership program targeting high school Juniors and Seniors. The program provides the opportunity for students to engage with professionals and college professors exploring careers and various educational pathways over the course of nine months. The program includes monthly trips to Franklin, Bowling Green and Washington D.C.

Who is the target population served by this project/event? *

11th and 12th graders

Please describe the project/event. *

Franklin Simpson High School Tomorrow's Leaders group is providing students with a valuable opportunity to explore different sectors of their community while enhancing their leadership skills. Partnering with Western Kentucky University provides valuable opportunities for students

to gain insights into specific career fields. Professors can provide essential guidance on educational requirements and the skills necessary for success in various professions. This partnership can significantly enrich students' understanding of their future career paths and the steps they need to take to succeed. By focusing on various topics each month, such as agriculture, health services, law, and government, students gain insights into post-secondary education and career development in those fields. This kind of program not only helps students understand the various career paths available to them but also encourages them to engage with their community and develop skills that are essential for effective leadership. Visiting Washington, D.C. as a culminating event is an excellent way to connect the students' learning about law, government, and history with their local context. These trips and tours can provide them with firsthand experience of the state's and nation's political landscape and historical significance, making their studies much more tangible.

In addition to adding a group tour to the National Postal Museum and the Arlington Cemetery while in Washington D.C. this past year, we are pleased with the addition of the Non-Profit Organization Day. Students learned firsthand from non-profit leaders of their impact locally, regionally and globally and how as young adults they too can be a part of the impact. Historically, the program concluded with the Washington D.C. experience, which served as a culminating event that enriched the students' understanding of civic engagement and national governance. Expanding the leadership schedule in April to include a nonprofit day was a great way to highlight the importance of civic engagement and community service. This experience will not only educate students about the valuable contributions of these organizations in Franklin-Simpson but also inspire them to get involved and make a difference in their community.

The Tomorrow's Leaders program provides students with experiences that extend beyond their everyday lives in Franklin, Kentucky. Many participants have never had the opportunity to visit an airport, fly on an airplane, navigate a subway or metro system, attend a professional sporting event, or tour museums. This program fosters personal and professional development in ways that traditional classroom experiences cannot achieve. None of this would be possible without the financial support of community organizations, such as the Franklin Simpson Excellence Foundation. Your generosity plays a crucial role in making these enriching experiences accessible to our students.

B. Evaluation:

Students will engage in pre- and post-surveys regarding their college or career pathways to assess any shifts in their interests or considerations for alternative pathways influenced by their experiences over the past nine months. Additionally, we plan to track these students through graduation and for at least two years beyond that. This year, students have already expressed how their perspectives have changed or evolved based on their experiences. For example, last year one senior who at the time of submitting the application to participate answered "I don't know yet. I think this could help" to the question Do you plan to attend college or trade school after graduation? This same student is now enrolled at WKU.

Please provide a timeline for the facilitation of your project/event. *

Aug. 22, 2025 (WKU) Kick Off Leadership

8:15 am: - Leave FSHS

8:45 am: - Arrive at WKU

9:15 am -10:45 am: Admission Tour

11:00 am - 11:45 am: Lunch@ Fresh Foods
 12:00 pm - 1:50 pm Self-leadership, healthy relationships, setting goals.
 2:15 pm: - Leave WKU
 2:45 pm - Arrive at FSHS
 Sept. 19, 2025 (WKU & BG) Agriculture Day
 8:15 am: - Leave FSHS
 8:45 am: - Arrive at WKU Farm
 9:00 am - 11:15 am WKU Farm Tour (Snack and Water)
 11:15 am -11:45 am Career Talk
 12:30 pm - 12:50 pm: Lunch at Robertson's Farm/ Cattlemen's for Lunch JP Robertson Farms
 2950 Middleton Rd, Auburn, KY
 1:00 pm -2:15 pm: - Farm Tour
 2:20 pm - Leave for FSHS
 2:40 pm - Arrive at FSHS
 Oct. 17th, 2025 (WKU & FS) Arts & Humanities Day
 8:15 am: - Leave FSHS
 9:00 am - 10:00 am Arrive at Bowling Green Public Theater
 10:15 am - 11:15 am: WNKY TV Station
 11:45 am - 12:30 pm Lunch from Fresh FoodsCareer Talk with WKU Arts / Theatre Department
 12:45 am - 1:50 pm Tour WKU Arts Department / Theatre Department
 2:00 pm - Leave WKU, at DSU
 2:30 pm - Arrive at FSHS
 Nov. 21, 2025 (WKU & FS) Health Services Day
 8:15 am: - Leave FSHS
 8:30 am: - 9:45 am: - Tour Med Center of Franklin (Have spoken to Annette Runyan)
 10:00 am: - Travel to WKU Main Campus DSU, Walk to AC Complex tour
 10:30 am: - 11:15 am Tour of Dental Hygiene and CPR Room
 11:15 am: - 12:30 pm: Lunch/Career Talk at DSU
 12:30 pm: - Leave WKU to Travel to UK School of Medicine at the Medical Center
 12:45 am: - 1:50 pm UK Doctorate Program for tour and career talk
 2:00 pm: - Leave UK School of Medicine at the Medical Center
 2:30 pm: - Arrive at FSHS
 Dec. 2, 2025 (FS) (Tuesday) Law & Government Day
 8:05 am - Leave FSHS
 8:15-9:00 am - City of Police Chief Solomon
 9:10-9:40 am - City Hall- Mayor Dixon
 9:50-10:20 am - Co Judge Building- Co Judge Mason Barnes
 1030-11am - Simpson County Sheriff's Department- Sheriff Hopson
 11:10-11:30 am- Simpson County Jail- Jailer Vaughn
 11:45-12:15 pm - Lunch @ Justice Center w/Beth (WKU professors will speak during lunch)
 12:20-12:40 pm - Tour Justice Center w/Beth
 12:45-1:30 pm - Judge Harrison/ Lawyer Chris Tomlinson
 1:30-2:15 pm - Observe Judge Harrison in Court
 2:30 pm - Return to FSHS
 January 16, 2026 - WKU Education Day
 8:35 am - 8:45am: - Arrive at WKU
 8:45 am - 9:15am: - Welcome from Department Chairs (Auditorium)
 9:15 am - 9:50am: - Tour of Gary Ransdell Hall with Jessica Basham
 9:50 am - 11:30am: - Rotating Information Sessions (Psych, Counseling and Student Affairs,

ROTC, School of Leadership and Professional Studies, School of Teacher Education)

11:30 am - 11:45am: - Walk to DSU for Lunch

11:45 am - 12:30pm: -Lunch at Fresh Foods (Cupola Room)

February 6, 2026 Business & Industry (FS)

8:30 am - Arrive Mustard Seed

9:35 am - Depart Mustard Seed

9:50 am - Arrive at Sumitomo Electric Wiring

11:00 am - Depart Sumitomo Electric Wiring

11:15 am - Arrive SKYCTC Franklin Campus

11:15-11:30 Prepare Lunch

11:30-12:00 Presentation Kelcie Richart SKYCTC

12:00-1:00 Presentation Faculty of WKU

1:20 pm - Leave for the high school (Ended early due to Pep Rally)

1:40 pm - Arrive FSHS

February 24 - February 28, 2026 (Washington D.C.)

We will travel to Washington D.C. to tour the Capitol, White House, Smithsonsian and National Museums, Meet and Greet with Kentucky Legislatures, WKU and Franklin Simpson Alumni.

Robin submitted DC Tours request form on 1/7/2025

March 20, 2026 Non-Profit- Organization Day (FS) Special Lunch and Certificates

Simpson County Historical Society/ Old Jail

Rotary

Franklin Simpson Arts Council

Franklin Simpson Renaissance

Simpson County Literacy

Business Professional Women of Franklin, KY

Lunch at the Legion Speaker Special Lunch

AM VETS

Franklin-Simpson Tourism

LifeChoice Pregnancy Center

Franklin Lions Club

Franklin Kiwanis Club

Simpson County Habitat for Humanity

People Serving People

Room in the Inn Franklin, KY

Live the Proof

Simpson County Cooperative Extension Service

Goodnight Library

Franklin Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation

Please provide a budget for your project/event. *

Item Budget

Transportation

August (Kick Off WKU) 280.00

September (Agriculture) 280.00

October (Arts & Humanities) 280.00

November (Health Services) 280.00

December (Law & Government) 280.00
January (Education) 280.00
February (Business & Industry) 280.00
February (FSHS to Nashville BNA) 400.00
March (Non Profit/Special Lunch) 280.00
Transportation Total 2,920.00

Meals

August 270.00
September 270.00
October 270.00
November 270.00
December 315.00
January 270.00
February 270.00
March 270.00
Meals Total 2,397.00

D.C. Trip Student Cost 17,000.00

Snacks/Drinks 500.00

Shirts 300.00

WKU Expenses

Administration Fee 300.00

Total Expenses 23,417.00

Donations	Requesting	Received
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Students 4,800.00	3,000.00	
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Please list collaborating partners if any are involved with your project/event? *

Western Kentucky University, Franklin Bank and Trust Co., Franklin Simpson Chamber of Commerce, Community Education, Simpson County Schools

Was your organization awarded funding by the Rotary Club of Franklin, KY in 2025? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

If you answered yes, your organization received funding in 2025: A) How much did you receive? B) Was it for the same program or a different program? C) Please summarize your project and the impact on it's target population. (If you did not receive funding in 2025 please answer Not Applicable) *

\$1,000.

Yes, same program.

Tomorrow's Leaders leadership program for high school students is designed to supplement existing educational opportunities in several impactful ways:

Skill Development: The program focuses on essential soft skills such as communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving. These skills complement academic learning by preparing students for real-world challenges.

Practical Experiences: By engaging in hands-on activities and experiences, students can apply theoretical knowledge in practical scenarios. This experiential learning enhances retention and understanding of concepts taught in the traditional classroom. The visit to the National Holocaust Museum significantly impacted students' understanding of World War II and the Holocaust, enriching their educational experience in several ways. Overall, the experience of visiting the museum serves as a powerful supplement to their studies, transforming abstract historical concepts into tangible lessons about humanity, empathy, and resilience in the face of adversity.

Networking Opportunities: The program often includes interactions with industry leaders, alumni, and peers. This network can provide mentorship, guidance, and future career opportunities, enriching students' educational experiences.

Leadership Training: Focused on developing leadership qualities, the program fosters self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and decision-making abilities. These traits are crucial for personal and professional success.

Diverse Perspectives: The program typically brings together students from various backgrounds, encouraging collaboration and the exchange of ideas. This diversity enriches the learning environment and broadens students' view of people different from them.

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By submitting this application, you agree to the following terms: If awarded a monetary donation, you will provide a written summary detailing how the funds were utilized and the project's impact, along with accompanying photos, to be submitted within three months of project completion. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Franklin, KY logo will be included in your marketing materials as specified in your grant application, including but not limited to print and digital marketing along with signage during the project's activity. *



I agree to the above stated terms if awarded a monetary donation.

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By submitting this application you consent to the following terms. Rotary Club of Franklin, KY may publish photographs and/or video provided during the project for promotional purposes in but not limited to television, print, and digital media.

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☒ I agree to the above stated terms regarding photography and marketing consent.

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This section only pertains to Simpson County Schools and organizations that are required to have their Board approval before final submission of a grant. Your Board Authorization Form must be received by February 23, 2026, 12:00pm CST. via email to robin.hollingsworth@simpson.kyschools.us
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☒ I am required to complete the Board Authorization Form.

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