

Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

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Applicant Name & Position: Chelsea Adams, Youth Service Coordinator

School/Organization Involved: Franklin Simpson High School

Amount Requested: \$2,000.00

Purpose of Funding: 10- \$200 scholarships for students participating in the program

Targeted Grade Levels: PreK-K 1-3 4-5 6-8 9-12 Other: 11th and 12th

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: 16

Academic Area: Reading Language Arts X-Social Studies Math
X-Science X-Fine arts X-Community Other: Leadership, Career & College Development

Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences):

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. (Unfortunately due to the capitol under renovation we were unable to include Frankfort this year)

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Grant Cycle Submitted: September November X-Jan. X-February April

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor  **Date** 1/7/26

Superintendent _____ **Date** _____

Community Organizations:

Grant Preparer Chelsea Adams **Title** YSC **Date** 1/7/26

Board Representative _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

A.) Narrative:

Franklin -Simpson High School's Mission- to empower students to be college and/or career ready.

Simpson County Board of Education's Mission- To develop all children to their fullest potential and prepare them for the next level of life.

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.

C. Budget:

Item	Budget	Actual	Balance Remaining	Comments
2025-2026				
Transportation				
August (Kick Off WKU)	280.00		280.00	
September (Agriculture)	280.00		280.00	
October (Arts & Humanities)	280.00		280.00	
November (Health Services)	280.00		280.00	
December (Law & Government)	280.00		280.00	
January (Education)	280.00		280.00	
February (Business & Industry)	280.00		280.00	
February (FS to BNA one way)	400.00		400.00	
March (Non-Profit)	280.00		280.00	
March (Recognition Lunch)	280.00		280.00	
Transportation Total	2,920		2,920	
Meals- Sessions 9x				
August	270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$15/pp X 18
September	270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	Cattlemans
October	270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$15/pp X 18
November	270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$15/pp X 18
December	315.00	\$0.00	\$315.00	Zaxby's \$15/pp x 21
January	270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$15/pp X 18
February	300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$15/pp x 20
March	432.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$18/pp X 24
Meals Total	\$2397.00	\$0.00	\$2397.00	
Other Program Costs				
D.C. Trip Student Cost	17,000.00		17,000.00	
Snacks/Drinks	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	

Shirts	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$15/ppx20
WKU Expenses				
Administration Fee	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	
Total Expenses	\$23,417	\$0.00	\$23,417	
Donations	Requesting	Received		
FB&T	10,000.00			
ASAP	1,500.00			
Rotary	1,000.00			
Historical Society	1,000.00			
FSEEF	2,000.00			
Students	4,800.00	3,000.00		\$300 x 16 Students
TOTAL	20,300.00	3,000.00		

*To reduce expenses we are using district vans to transport students with exception to the Nashville Airport. (Saving the program \$2,520 total.)

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.

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

1. **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.
2. **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.

3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.

This year, our selection of students intentionally focused on those facing increased barriers to learning and daily living, with many coming from challenging backgrounds such as foster care, in the custody of non-traditional parents and financial disparity. The odds are stacked against their success rate; while not all participants share these challenges, the majority do. By integrating the elements mentioned above into our leadership program, we not only supplement academic education but also nurture well-rounded individuals equipped to tackle future challenges and seize opportunities.

Tomorrow's Leaders

25-26 Program Schedule

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 Foods Career 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, Smithsonian 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