



BOARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

2026 GRANT FUNDING CYCLE

This form is only submitted by organizations needing authorization to complete the application by the Grant Preparer. The deadline to submit the form is February 23, 2026, 12:00pm CST. Email to robin.hollingsworth@simpson.kyschools.us For questions please contact Robin at 270-223-8092.

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 SIMPSON ELEMENTARY Name of Project/Event Simpson Elementary Playground

Principal/Supervisor Name Michael Bernum Date 1/13/26

Principal/Supervisor Signature Michael Bernum Date 1/13/26

Superintendent Name _____ Date _____

Superintendent Signature _____ Date _____



Michael Barnum <michael.barnum@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 *

michael.barnum@simpson.kyschools.us

Organization Name *

Simpson Elementary

Organization Grant Contact Person *

Michael Barnum

Organization Grant Contact Phone Number *

207.586.4414

Organization Grant Contact Email *

michael.barnum@simpson.kyschools.us

Organization Mailing Address *

[721 Witt Rd.](#)

Amount Requested *

\$1,000.00

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

Any amount would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your consideration.

Total Cost of the Project *

\$60,248.44

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

Simpson Elementary Playground

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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The playground project is focused on supporting education and children. This new equipment is available to the entire student population of 700+ students but has special features to make it ADA compliant and accessible for our students who have physical disabilities and confined to a wheel chair or use of a walker.

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

Students age 5-9 and students with disabilities.

Please describe the project/event. *

With a student body of over 715 students in grades 1st - 3rd, we have a tremendous amount of potential and student need. We have multiple students that would greatly benefit from the new equipment we are installing at Simpson. We are buying three items for the playground with

a total of \$60,248.44.

-Inclusive Whirl: imagine a smooth, level entry merry go round that gives students in wheelchairs access without going up a step. This piece has a rubber surface around its base that allows the equipment to move freely and safely for the students. Total cost \$23,800.

-Play Unit: the tower unit has multiple pieces for students of all ability levels. The lower portion gives access to students to play together over the megaphone, game board or accessible slide. Total cost of \$20,619.

-Bay Swing: the final piece is a double swing for students to enjoy. We will have the ability to retrofit ADA seats for students who may benefit from them. \$2,299.00.

_Timbers and stakes to secure the mulch also come in at \$1,840.00.

The PTO of SES has already given a check for \$15,000 to help get this project off the ground and secure the install for August 2025, and we would love to have your support as well. We are striving to raise \$45,000 to go towards this project and support the students of SES.

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

We'd like to complete fundraising in the spring of 2026.

Please provide a budget for your project/event. *

1 Play Unit \$ 20,619.00

1 Inclusive Whirl \$ 23,800.00

1 Bay Swing \$ 2,299.00

Timbers and steaks\$ 1,840.00

Quote valid for 15 Days Freight: \$ 690.44

Install: \$ 11,000.00

Total Due: \$ 60,248.44

Please list collaborating partners if any are involved with your project/event? *

Simpson Elementary PTO

Women's Auxiliary Unit 62

American Legion Post 62

Simpson Elementary SBDM Council

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) *

NA

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.

☐ I don't agree to the above stated terms regarding photography and marketing consent.

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.
- ☐ I'm authorized to submit this grant request without the Board Authorization Form.

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