

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

School/Organization Involved: Franklin-Simpson High School (WKU Educators Rising Leadership Academy)

Amount Requested: \$2,500

Purpose of Funding: To help 5 FSHS students attend the National Educator's Rising conference in Portland, Oregon over the summer to compete in various competitions.

Targeted Grade Levels: PreK-K 1-3 4-5 6-8 **9-12** Other: _____

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: 5 FSHS students

Academic Area: **Reading** **Language Arts** **Social Studies** **Math**
Science Fine arts **Community** Other: _____

Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences):

WKU Educators Rising Leadership Academy is a college preparation and recruitment initiative which develops leadership skills in young males of diverse backgrounds by exploring the teaching profession. FSHS has 5 young men participating in the program this year. All 5 young men competed at the state level place 6th and 8th in their competitions which qualified them to compete at the National Ed Rising competition in Portland, Oregon June 20th-23rd.

Address of School/Organization: 211 S Main St., Franklin, KY 42134

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

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor  **Date** 4/16/27

Superintendent _____ **Date** _____

Community 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 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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- 2) Describe the specific activities and strategies of this project.
- 3) Incorporate a **timeline** for implementation.
- 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>2025-2026 FSEEF Meeting Dates for Grant Review</i>	<i>Grant Must Be Submitted by 2:00 p.m on this date</i>
<i>8/25/2025</i>	<i>8/15/2025</i>
<i>9/22/2025</i>	<i>9/12/2025</i>
<i>10/27/2025</i>	<i>10/17/2025</i>
<i>11/24/2025</i>	<i>11/14/2025</i>
<i>12/22/2025</i>	<i>12/12/2025</i>
<i>1/26/2026</i>	<i>1/16/2026</i>
<i>2/23/2026</i>	<i>2/13/2026</i>
<i>3/23/2026</i>	<i>3/13/2026</i>
<i>4/27/2026</i>	<i>4/17/2026</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 applications to:
FSEEF Grant Applications, P.O. Box 94, Franklin, KY 42135-0094
or e-mail to fseducationalexcellence@gmail.com

The WKU Educators Rising Leadership Academy (formerly known as Young Male Leadership Academy) is a college preparation and recruitment initiative, which develops leadership skills in young males from 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 students interested in the teaching profession. The organization also aims to provide mentoring opportunities for underrepresented males in the teaching profession and enhance the educational preparedness of students interested in the teaching profession.

Franklin-Simpson High Schools has participated in this program for 5 years and currently we have 5 young males who are enrolled in the program. As part of being a member of ERLA, the young men compete at the state Educators Rising competition which is hosted in Louisville, KY and the National Educators Rising competition which is being held this year in Portland, Oregon. The students from FSHS are Camden Anderson, NJ Downey, Jamari Chumney, Isaac Simmons, and Isaiah Simmons. Camden, NJ, and Jamari are competing in the Ethical Dilemma competition. This competition provides an ethical concern that students have to debate in front of a panel of judges and provide clarity on how they would proceed with the dilemma. This group of boys scored 6th in the state competition with their presentation and now have the opportunity to present this at the national competition in Oregon.

Issac and Isaiah competed in the Researching Learning Challenges competition with two other young men from Greenwood High School. They presented on the topic of hearing impairment where they wrote a research paper, presented on the topic, and interviewed an individual with a hearing impairment. They discussed the pros and cons of having a hearing impairment and how they could impact a student's life by being a hearing

impaired teacher. This group of young men placed 8th at the state competition and qualified to compete at the national competition as well. The cost for each young man to participate in the ERLA program this year with state and national competition costs rounds out to be \$1,250 per kid. This price includes their registration for both competitions, their uniform, airfare, hotel costs, food, and their 2-day stay on WKU's campus for the ERLA summer program. We are asking the FSEEF to provide us \$500 per student to use towards their costs. This is a valuable experience for the students and not only exposes them to the Educational profession, but provides them with valuable leadership and networking opportunities.

FSSH has had great representation and success through the ERLA program over the past 4 years. We've had a total of 10 boys participate with 5 who have already graduated from high school. Out of those 5 young men, 3 have continued on with their education by attending a post-secondary institution majoring in education or health careers. These young men, their families, and advisors, J'Nora Anderson, Michael Coleman, and Chris Stunson, sincerely appreciate the support of the council in prior years to help these young men have an incredible experience at these conferences and through this program. We look forward to having your support again this year.

Budget:

State/National Competition Registration: \$399/\$110

Hotel Cost: \$165/night (staying 4 nights)

Transportation (airfare): \$200

Food: \$150