

Loudoun Education Foundation Multicultural Grant Instructions March 2015

Program Goal: To assist Loudoun County Public Schools implement programs on multicultural education, targeted primarily towards students, to help them better understand and embrace diversity in Loudoun County. In addition, programs may also involve parent, teacher, or community educational activities if they are associated with student programming.

Eligibility

The Loudoun Education Foundation is pleased to announce its grant opportunities available to all Loudoun County public schools.

- This grant is for programs and projects to be implemented during the 2015-2016 school year.
- Applications must be reviewed and signed by the school's principal.

Grants Available

There is no minimum limit.

\$500 is the maximum grant available for a single or multi-class project.

\$1,500 is the maximum grant available for a school-wide project.

\$2,500 is the maximum grant available for a cluster-wide project.

Award Criteria

Primary consideration will be given to the following applications:

- Programs shall provide multi-cultural educational information, or shall undertake direct outreach and interchange between diverse ethnic and faith groups.
- Programs shall be of appropriate complexity and structure for the target audience, be they elementary, middle, or high school students.
- Programs shall focus on Loudoun County.
- The programs shall seek to extend or expand existing activities, not simply repeat existing Loudoun County programming in current venues. .
- Programs may occur during school or after school, and principally be held in LCPS facilities. Programs may involve LCPS teachers, administrators, parents, university faculty and other outside instructors, or community representatives as presenters
- Budget must be suitable to project; the program can be accomplished for the requested funding amount.

Some program examples include:

- A high school social science course may hold an afterschool symposium on the experiences of different cultures and faiths in America or in Loudoun County. This may involve professors from George Mason University as instructors, local community representatives, or could be led by high school instructors.

- An elementary school may hold an in-school multicultural fair - including music, food, and dress from different cultures - tied to relevant education programming undertaken by classroom teachers.
- A middle school may hold an in-service training for its teachers and administrators on diversity in the school and community, engaging independent trainers to deliver the program.
- A school may provide a stipend for instructor(s) or administrator(s) to attend “Courageous Conversations” training workshops, and develop and implement an action plan for utilizing the program in the school.
- A high school may create a literary magazine celebrating the different cultures involved in their school.

Application Process

1. Go to www.loudouneducationfoundation.org to download an application.
2. The application must be typed and all four sections must be completed.
3. Additional information may be included; however, the entire application must total no more than five (5) pages.
4. The signature of the school principal on the application is required before submission.
5. Pony the completed application with attachments to:

Loudoun Education Foundation Multicultural Education Grant Administration Building

6. Application must be received by Friday, May 1, 2015. Neither LCPS nor Loudoun Education Foundation can be responsible for misdirected or delayed mail. (Please do not FAX or email applications.)

Selection Process

All proposals received by the stipulated deadline will be screened for adherence to criteria prior to being forwarded for review by the Grant & Awards Committee. Final selections will be made in accordance with the above guidelines. The award of grants will be announced in June.

Summary Report

By June 30, 2016 each grant recipient must submit a complete summary report describing their project and highlighting its successes. During the life of the project, any relevant print material must include the following statement: “This project is sponsored by a grant from Loudoun Education Foundation and Loudoun Interfaith Bridges.”

Questions

If you have questions now or as you write your proposal, please contact the Foundation at (571) 252-1102 or Linda Russ, Office Manager, at Linda.Russ@lcps.org.

For additional resources and support about multicultural programming please visit:

Loudoun Interfaith Bridges

Building Relationships for Interfaith Dialogue, Goodwill, Education and Service

www.Loudouninterfaithbridges.org

The purpose of Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES is to bring together communities of different faiths to collectively address common challenges, and to build bridges of understanding and respect between diverse religious and ethnic entities within Loudoun County.

Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington

www.ifcmw.org/

The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington brings together eleven historic faith communities to promote dialogue, understanding and a sense of community among persons of diverse faiths and to work cooperatively for social and economic justice in metropolitan Washington.

Teaching Tolerance

www.tolerance.org

Educational program utilized nationally by thousands of teachers, has received 20 honors from the Association of Educational Publishers, including two Golden Lamp Awards.

Courageous Conversations

A network of like minded individuals who are sincerely interested and committed to the development of equitable schools for all our children.

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www.pacifieducationalgroup.com/summit.html

“Courageous Conversations About Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools”, Mr. Glenn E. Singleton author