

Narrative:

Many children from low-income families are unable to fully participate in their school activities unless funds are provided by our program. No other organization addresses the needs of individual students. Our strategy is based on academic needs and issues that are identified by teachers, counselors, band directors, and principals. Since 2001, we have assisted 1,008 students and granted \$55,736 with this program. Independent research has proven that participation in school activities increases school attendance and increases college readiness. The number of applications submitted will increase as we increase the grade levels included in our program.