

**Pinhook Foundation
2017 Grant Proposal**

The Shining Light Foundation

Organization Overview

Founded in 1997, the Shining Light Foundation's Cultural Enrichment Program provides the financial means for school children to participate in extra-curricular activities, class field trips, tutoring services, school bands and orchestras. Additionally, our organization helps secure needed equipment and supplies that enhance the learning experience for children. Our partnership with the Lafayette Parish School System has been and continues to demonstrate that there are true needs for school children in our community. (A letter of understanding between the Lafayette Parish School System and the Shining Light Foundation accompanies this grant proposal.) We had a dramatic increase in the number of students served this fiscal year as compared to last year. FY 2015-2016 total students served was 88 students. This current fiscal year, we have served 271 year-to-date with one month remaining in this fiscal year.

The Shining Light Foundation is an all-volunteer organization with a Board of Directors, President, and an Executive Director. Volunteers (our Board of Director members) work closely with Lafayette Parish School System principals, teachers and guidance counselors to address the extra-curricular educational needs of school children.

Shining Light Foundation volunteers attend workshops and orientations to inform Lafayette Parish School System faculty and administrators of our programs and services. They advise school administrators how to access our website (www.shininglightfoundation.org), online application forms, and how to submit these to our organization. A volunteer "school liaison" works closely with principals, teachers and guidance counselors to ensure the application process is effective for the parent/guardian, their child and the school system. The Shining Light Foundation Program and Services Committee conducts a monthly review of applicants for consideration. Once approved, the Executive Director advises school administrators of the awarded assistance and sends funding to support the applicant.

Current Budget

Shining Light Foundation FY 16-17 Budget (fiscal year ends July 2017)

ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET

BUDGETED INCOME		FY 16-17
<i>Grants</i>		
	Pinhook Foundation (pending)	\$5,000.00
	Organizational Development Grant	\$3,500.00
	Pugh Family Foundation	\$3,000.00
<i>All Other Grants</i>	Junior League of Lafayette	\$2,500.00
<i>Zydeco/Cajun BASH</i>		\$5,500.00
<i>Corporate Gifts</i>		\$2,700.00
<i>Memberships</i>		\$1,000.00
<i>General Donations</i>		\$2,000.00
<i>Other Income</i>		
	United Way	\$0.00
	Investments	\$3.36
	Miscellaneous	\$500.00
	Memorials	\$300.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$26,003.36
BUDGETED EXPENSE		
<i>Advertising</i>		0
<i>Computer / I.T. Expenses</i>		\$680.00
<i>Contracted Services</i>		\$1,000.00
<i>Donor Recognition Expenses</i>		\$1,200.00
<i>Meeting Refreshments</i>		\$900.36
<i>Memberships</i>		\$56.80
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		\$643.20
<i>Office Expenses</i>		\$300.00
<i>Postage</i>		\$400.00
<i>Printing</i>		\$500.00
<i>Program Expenses</i>		
	Field Trips	\$2,884.54
	Musical Instruments	\$9,698.41
	Tutoring/Educational Projects	\$3,210.05
<i>Professional Fees</i>		0
<i>Service Fees</i>		\$80.00
<i>Training</i>		\$200.00
<i>Travel</i>		\$550.00
<i>Zydeco/Cajun BASH Expenses</i>		\$3,700.00

TOTAL EXPENSE		\$26,003.36
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Current Programs

The program goal is to make it possible for Lafayette Parish school students, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, to participate in cultural enrichment programs through education-based field trips, obtain musical instruments, participate in musical appreciation programs, attend summer programs that inspire and motivate children, secure supplies and equipment, and make it possible for children to access tutoring services.

Many schools do not have enough instruments for the students who need them to participate in bands and orchestras. Also, many students are left behind while their classmates go on field trips. Assistance is provided to families who cannot financially support these extra-curricular activities. We are an organization of last resort to help the individual child in financial need. Applicants are asked to pay a portion of the cost up to twenty-five percent. To help us determine eligibility, applicants are also asked if the student receives free lunches. By providing this financial assistance, more elementary and middle school children that participate in extra-curricular activities are exposed to new ideas and are encouraged by exploring different avenues of learning. This ultimately leads to improved learning and skills that build and instill confidence. Band participation fosters a lifelong appreciation and engagement in music where students are challenged to explore their potential through creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking. This in turn, helps them to succeed in school and sets the foundation for them to be successful in life.

Program Budget

SHINING LIGHT FOUNDATION - PROJECT BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2016-2017

PROJECT INCOME		
<i>Grants</i>	Pinhook Foundation (pending)	\$5,000.00
<i>All Other Grants</i>	Pugh Family Foundation	\$3,000.00
	Junior League of Lafayette	\$2,500.00
<i>Memberships</i>		\$1,000.00
<i>Zydeco/Cajun BASH (Net)</i>		\$1,800.00
<i>*Corporate Gifts</i>		\$1,493.00
<i>**General Donations</i>		\$1,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT INCOME		\$15,793.00
PROJECT EXPENSES		
<i>Program Expenses</i>		
	Field Trips	\$2,884.54
	Musical Instruments	\$9,698.41
	Tutoring/Educational Projects	\$3,210.05
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSE		\$15,793.00

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