Pinhook Foundation

Grant Application for 2017

The Pinhook Foundation, Inc. is a private foundation located in Lafayette, Louisiana, which provides supplemental funding to non-profit human service, religious, educational and cultural organizations serving Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

The Foundation does not support individuals, sports teams, or political candidates/organizations.

Pinhook Foundation, Inc. will accept grant applications from qualifying organizations for the 2017-funding year from May 1-31, 2017. Any applications received after the funding cycle will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Collaborative projects with other non-profit organizations are encouraged.

All grant requests must be submitted via email only at emily@pinhookfoundation.org
Completion of an application by an organization does not guarantee funding. Notice of funding will be made within 30 days of the end of the funding cycle via email. **Questions should be directed to Emily Hamner at 337-235-6436 or by email emily@pinhookfoundation.org**

Submission Checklist:
   A. Completed application   (Required)

        Please complete the Application only within the space provided on the form.

   B. Organization overview, current budget, current programs, program budget (Required)

   C. Copy of your IRS Tax Exempt Notice   (Required)

   D.   Acknowledgement of Donation (Required)

        Within 30 days organization shall acknowledge receipt of donation.

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Organization Name:___The Shining Light Foundation_____

Address: ___P.O. Box 60602, Lafayette, LA 70596_____

Contact Person: ___Joseph Cilano_____ Phone number: __(337) 945-3745_____

Email address: ____theshininglightfoundation@gmail.com___ Second phone number: _(337) 290-1418___

Mission Statement of the Organization: _To provide financial assistance to underserved children from low-income families for the purpose of academic enrichment._

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What are you requesting funding for? _This project will provide academic, cultural or personal enrichment opportunities for students in grades pre-K through eighth in Lafayette Parish public schools as requested by teachers, counselors and school administrators. Assistance is provided to families who cannot financially support these extra-curricular activities. _

What is the amount of funding needed? ___$5,000.00_____

Does this project have a funding deadline - when? _Yes, the project will support two academic school years: August 2017-May 2018 and August 2018-May 2019._

Who will be impacted from this funding? __Children in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade in Lafayette Parish._

How will success be measured from this program? __The Shining Light Foundation includes review forms with each request funded asking teachers to complete a questionnaire that measures the impact the project has had on each participant. Teachers are asked to evaluate whether the student gained knowledge, bonded with classmates, increased peer group identification and acceptance, and received other benefits from the activities. _

Does this program lend itself to partnerships with another nonprofit organization? __Yes, we partner with the Lafayette Parish School System's elementary and middle classroom teachers, guidance counselors and principals to help students participate in extracurricular activities.

How many years has organization been in existence? ___Twenty (20) years_____

Please list name of Executive Director and Board of Director Members: _Joseph Cilano, Executive Director; Carolyn French, Ph.D., President; Cynthia Dauphin, Vice-President; Mildred Baker, Secretary; Bruce Snow, Treasurer; Perry Scotola, Lana Swanwick, John Broussard, Kerry Douglas, Julie Eaton, Dr., Don Ennis, Cheryl Evans, Mike Huber, Michelle Izzo-Voss, Hayley LeJeune, Sandra Wilcox, Tanya Cormier and Troy Kahler.

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How many paid employees does the organization have?   __There are no paid staff – all are volunteers.____

How much funding did your organization raise last year?
Donations $_1,415.00_   Grants $_8,000.00_   Membership $_500.00_
Programs $_3,830.00__   Other $_4,740.00_

Do you have any new sources of funding?   _Yes, this fiscal year, we received an Organizational Development grant to support further development of the organization. Also, we received a grant from the Junior League of Lafayette._____

If your grant request is not fully funded will this program continue? _Yes, we will continue to ensure that the program meets the needs of children who desire to enrich their lives through the arts and other education-based projects._____

Is this a new program?   __No____   If yes, is funding for this program coming from any other organizations? If no, how was this project funded last year? _The project was funded last year through private and corporate donations, grants and our signature fundraiser, Zydeco / Cajun BASH._____

If the program is to be on going, how do you plan on funding it in the future? _We will continue to seek funding sources through additional grant opportunities, private and corporate donations, memberships, fundraisers and explore other means via a comprehensive financial development plan for future funding .__

Other information that you would like to share: __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. The expected outcome for students is to help them be successful in school which set the foundation for them to be successful in life. We are expecting higher than normal requests for assistance because of the continued downturn in the regional energy-driven economy. Families are also still struggling in their recovery from last year's historic flood event in the Lafayette Parish. A recent example of our work in meeting the cultural development needs of our community is a partnership with the Shining Light Foundation, Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum and the Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana to fund transportation for children to attend a summer camp.__

I ____Joseph Cilano_____, representing the above organization do hereby attest that the information presented including required collateral materials is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that if my request is funded, a brief evaluation of the program is required after 90 days and upon conclusion of the project, and that failure to provide the required program evaluation will eliminate my organization from requesting future funding for three years.

_____   Executive Director, May   2017_____
Signature   Title and Date