



GANNETT FOUNDATION Grant Application

This is an interactive application that can be completed in Adobe Acrobat Reader. Complete application, print and submit with your grant proposal to your local newspaper publisher or TV station general manager. A blank application can be printed and completed offline if you prefer.

(1) Legal Name of your Nonprofit Organization | Shining Light Foundation

(2) Address | P.O. Box 60602

(3) City / (4) State / (5) Zip | Lafayette, LA 70596

Authorized Contact Person (6) Prefix, (7) First Name, (8) Last Name | Carolyn French, Ph.D

(9) Title (10) Phone (11) FAX | President (337) 267-2506 (337) 267-2506

(12) Type of Organization* | 80 - Philanthropic/Education K-6

Year Founded | 1998 Total Current Operating Budget: | \$10,000 (No administrative costs)

Primary Source of Funds | Private funding/memberships

Prior Gannett Foundation Funding? NO YES \$/Year | 5,000/2004

Is your organization Tax Exempt Under IRS 501(c)(3)?

NO YES this is our EIN no# 72-1405319 (If YES, please attach IRS Letter with EIN# to this form)

Application is pending (If approved, grant cannot be paid until permanent ruling is received)

→ If you answered NO to the question above, is your organization part of a municipality? (i.e., part of city, state, town or county government. Examples are: Public school system, city recreation departments, county council on aging, mental health, etc.)

NO (13b) YES name of municipality: _____

(14) Grant Amount Requested | \$ 5,000

Internal use only:
Local Gannett CEO Funding Recommendation (15) \$ _____ .00
Local Gannett CEO Signature _____

Total Project Cost | \$ 8,158 Numbers Served by Project | Grades K-6 23 schools Project Time Period | 8/01/06 - 7/31/07

Program serves primarily: women YES NO; racial/ethnic minorities YES NO

Geographic Area Served / Source of Other Funds to Support Project | Lafayette Parish Public Schools

(16) Use the space below to write a short summary of the project/grant request*: (2-3 sentences maximum)

This project will provide musical instruments for students in ~~grades K-6~~ (kindergarten through sixth grade) in public schools in Lafayette Parish when not provided by regular school budgets. Other projects provide payments for field trip costs, tutoring, and special needs of individual students as indicated by teachers and counsellors.

Signature of Contact Person | Carolyn French Date | May 27, 2006

*Please refer to our code tables on the "application" page of our Web site, www.gannettfoundation.org if you need assistance completing fields 12 (Type of Organization) and 16 (Short Summary), so you can include information regarding "Program Area" and "Type of Service".

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 28 2000**

THE SHINING LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM
C/O ROBERT M. HODGE
P.O. BOX 3263
LAFAYETTE, LA 70502-3263

Employer Identification Number:
72-1405319
OLN:
400179043
Contact Person:
YVONNE LIGGETT ID# 31296
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Foundation Status Classification:
509(a)(1)
Advance Ruling Period Begins:
December 8, 1997
Advance Ruling Period Ends:
December 31, 2001
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make

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a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return. Because you will be treated as a public charity for return filing purposes during your entire advance ruling period, you should file Form 990 for each year in your advance ruling period.

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that you exceed the \$25,000 filing threshold even if your sources of support do not satisfy the public support test specified in the heading of this letter.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-BZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

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If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Steven T. Miller

Steven T. Miller
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure(s):
Form 872-C

SHINING LIGHT FOUNDATION
Fiscal Year 2006-2007
PROJECT BUDGET

- I. Project: To provide musical instruments for students in grades k-6 attending public schools in Lafayette Parish.
- II. Income Sources
- A. Gannett Foundation Grant \$5000.00.
 - B. Private funding, membership and other grants (amounts undetermined).
- III. Projected Expenditures (based on actual expenditures made in 2005-2006 plus 15% growth increase).
- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| A. Musical Instruments | \$5851.50 |
| B. Cleaning Kits | \$ 823.65 |
| C. Music Books | \$ 511.21 |
| D. Reeds | \$ 875.30 |
| D. Practice Pads | <u>\$ 96.88</u> |
| TOTAL | \$8158.54 |

OPERATING BUDGET

- | | |
|--|------------|
| IV. Available Funds | \$4372.30 |
| V. Projects | |
| A. Musical Instruments and Supplies | \$3000.00. |
| B. Field Trips | \$ 450.00 |
| C. Tutoring | \$ 650.00 |
| D. Classroom Supplies and Books | \$ 272.30 |
| VI. Anticipated Shortfall
for 2006/2007 Fiscal Year | \$5158.54 |

SHINING LIGHT FOUNDATION ***Needs Statement***

The goal of this program is to provide musical instruments and related supplies to Lafayette Parish students in kindergarten through sixth grade whose families cannot afford to provide them. In recent years, we have been met with an overwhelming number of requests from children who's desire to play a musical instrument exceeds their families' resources.

Research has shown that children who participate in music programs have higher success rates in school, social activities, and community participation. However, the overwhelming number of applications will be more than our budget can fund. These applicants will not have the musical instruments or the necessary supplies without our help.

Schools Served - Grades K-6

- Alice Boucher
- Broadmoor
- Charles M. Burke
- Carencro Heights
- Katharine Orexel
- Duson
- Evangeline
- J.W. Faulk
- Ernest Gallet
- J.W. James
- L. Leo Judice
- Green T. Lindon
- Live Oak
- Milton
- Myrtle Place
- Ossun
- Plantation
- Prairie
- Ridge
- S.J. Montgomery
- Truman
- Westside
- Woodvale

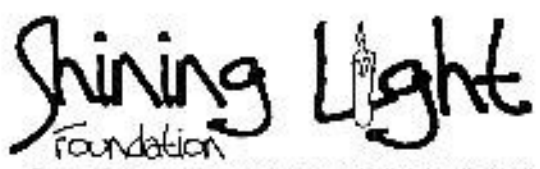
SHINING LIGHT FOUNDATION ***Sustainability Statement***

The Shining Light foundation began in 1998 with hopes of providing students from low-income families with the resources they need to "let their light shine". The Shining Light Foundation is made strong by both a Board of Directors and an Advisory Board, each composed of talented and benevolent individuals who strive to make a difference in the lives of children.

Over the last eight years, the Shining Light Foundation has channeled community resources, private donations and grants into current programs that continue to provide funding for musical instruments, academic tutoring, school supplies, and field trips.

This project will begin on August 1, 2006 and conclude with the 2006/2007 school year. During the month of May, Shining Light Foundation will conduct the annual Scholarship Review in which the teachers and students in the program are asked to complete a survey measuring the impact the program has had on each participant.

P.O. Box 60602
Lafayette, LA
70596
A nonprofit 501(c)(3)
charitable organization



"To create opportunities so that every child's light will shine"

www.shininglightfoundation.org

School _____
Teacher _____
Student _____
Date _____

SHINING LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW

I. MEASURING RESULTS.

- A. Did the student accomplish the activity for which the scholarship was given?
- B. If not, why, and were the funds returned to the organization?
- C. How will the activity affect the student's academic, cultural, or personal enrichment? (Please check all that apply.)
 - ___ 1. Knowledge gained from the activity.
 - ___ 2. Bonding with classmates through shared experiences.
 - ___ 3. Increased peer group identification and acceptance.
 - ___ 4. Increased access to positive role models.
 - ___ 5. Enhanced self-esteem.
 - ___ 6. Potential for cultivation of interests and talents.
 - ___ 7. Affirmation of community awareness and support.
 - ___ 8. Avoid alienation and isolation.
 - ___ 9. Plant seeds for cultivation of a generous spirit.
- D. Please note your comments and observations.

II. DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SHINING LIGHT ORGANIZATION?

OFFICERS

- Carolyn French, Ph.D.
President
- Robert M. Hodge
Vice President
- Mildred Baker
Secretary
- Ruth Dubon
Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- John Broussard
- Melissa Watigny Doucet
- Julie Eaton
- Mike Huber
- Michelle Izzo
- Carol Mahagan
- Lou Montgomery
- Tooy Moore
- Bruce Snow

ADVISORY MEMBERS

- Marlene Beard
- Kurt Boudreaux
- Ed Bowie
- Dana Brignac
- Kris Dugas
- Melanie Martin
- Maria Piver
- Dee Stanley

Note: Project funding has been provided ⁱⁿ previous years page 11
by Junior League, but has not been provided
for school years ~~'05-06~~ '06-07.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

EVALUATION FOLLOW UP FORM

DATE SUBMITTED: 3-14-05

Please complete and return (within 3 months of grant receipt) to:
Grants Administration: 504 Richland, Lafayette LA 70508

AGENCY:

Shining Light Foundation

AMOUNT RECEIVED: DATE RECEIVED: \$5000⁰⁰ 12-14-04

TYPE OF GRANT RECEIVED:

- Community Resource Fund
 Community Enrichment Grant

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE.

1. How many people were served through this grant?

Six schools participated and musical instruments were provided for 35 children.

2. How did the grants further your agency's mission? *Mission: "That every child's light shine"*

This grant allowed 35 students to participate in musical programs which gave them a chance to develop musical talents and to experience

3. What were the benefits to the community from this program? *the discipline of teamwork.*
School personnel reported greatly-improved discipline with former problem students, and families reported appreciation for community awareness of their children's needs.

4. List all agencies collaborating to provide the services funded by this grant?

All Lafayette Parish Public Schools, counsellors, teachers, and band directors have collaborated to provide these services.

5. List any measurable outcomes from this grant.

** See attached list; Measuring Results: knowledge, bonding, self-esteem, talent, community awareness.*

6. Please provide any details on dates related to publicity on this project concerning open house, unveiling, etc. Please include the JLL on the invitation list, if applicable, and appropriate.

7. Please provide financial accounting for monies received and spent. Interim reports should be filed quarterly until all Junior League of Lafayette grant monies have been spent.

Junior League of Lafayette Community Grant Program **Quarterly Report**

1. Thirty-eight children have been served through this grant.
2. The Shining Light Foundation began in 1996 with hopes of providing students from low-income families with the resources they need to "let their light shine". This grant has enabled Shining Light to reach more children throughout Lafayette Parish and to provide them with musical instruments and supplies so that they may realize their dreams of playing musical instruments.
3. School music programs provide peer group acceptance, enhanced self-esteem, affirmation from the community, and the potential for cultivation of interests and talents. Research has shown that children who participate in music programs have higher success rates in school, social activities, and community participation.
4. N/A
5. Measurable Outcomes are as follows:
 1. Knowledge gained from the activity.
 2. Bonding with classmates through shared experiences.
 3. Increased peer group identification and acceptance.
 4. Increased access to positive role models.
 5. Enhanced self-esteem.
 6. Potential for cultivation of interests and talents.
 7. Affirmation of community awareness and support.
6. N/A
7. See Attachment

SHINING LIGHT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT RENTALS 2004/5

Name	School	Instrument	TOTAL COST	CHILD'S COST	SLF COST
1. LeBlanc, Travis	J. Wallace James	Saxophone	\$240.00	\$60.00	\$180.00
2. Joseph, Aaron	J. Wallace James	Percussion	\$110.00	\$27.50	\$82.50
3. Mouton, Jon	J. Wallace James	Trombone	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
4. Land, Martin	J. Wallace James	Trombone	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
5. Lewis, Herman	J. Wallace James	Trombone	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
6. Morvant, Joshua	J. Wallace James	Cello	\$220.00	\$55.00	\$165.00
7. George, Latonna	J. Wallace James	Cello	\$220.00	\$55.00	\$165.00
8. Winn, Tiffany	J. Wallace James	Cello	\$220.00	\$55.00	\$165.00
9. Lawrence, Jasmine	J. Wallace James	Flute	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
10. Beasley, Caitlyn	J. Wallace James	Flute	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
11. Joseph, Khadijah	J. Wallace James	Flute	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
12. Carmouche, Jemone	J. Wallace James	Trombone	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
14. Elaire, Ja'Vonte'	J. Wallace James	Trombone	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
17. Walker, Gray	Milton Elementary	Saxophone	\$212.50	\$62.50	\$150.00
18. Guidry, Taylor	Scott Middle	Flute	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
19. Comeaux, Queenland	Alice Boucher	Clarinet	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
20. Morgan, Aaron	Alice Boucher	Trumpet	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
21. Roguimore, Sherelle	Alice Boucher	Flute	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
22. Oshey, Joseph	J. W. James	Cello	\$220.00	\$55.00	\$165.00
24. Melancon, Kaylon	Carenco Heights	Atto Sax	\$250.00	\$62.50	\$187.50
25. Arceneaux, Marcos	Carenco Heights	Drum Kit	\$110.00	\$27.50	\$82.50
26. Green, Briana	Carenco Heights	Clarinet	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
				SLF Total	\$2,902.50

SHINING LIGHT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PURCHASES 2004/5

Name	School	Instrument	Total Cost	Child's Cost	Cost
1. Comeaux, Jessie	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
2. Senegal, Sharika	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
3. Blackwell, Debieka	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
4. Valtier, Dillon	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
5. Martin, Lenessa	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
6. Gallion, Jontaye	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
7. Zeno, Cullen	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
8. Dupuis, Justice	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
9. Morvant, Jordan	J Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
10. Prejean, Tracel	J. Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
11. Alfred, Lawrence	J. Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
12. Marchand, Seth	J. Wallace James	Violin	\$70.00	\$17.50	\$52.50
			\$840.00	\$210.00	\$630.00

SHINING LIGHT MISCELLANEOUS MUSICAL GRANTS 2004/5

Date	School/Sponsor	Event/Student	SLF Paid
2/14/2005	J. W. Faulk Elem	Ivory Landry, Music book 5.95	\$5.95

Totals by Schools

School	Students	SLF Cost
J. Wallace James	26	\$2,512.50
Scott Middle	1	\$120.00
Alice Boucher	3	\$360.00
Carencro Heights	3	\$390.00
Milton Elementary	1	\$150.00
J. W. Faulk	1	\$5.95
Totals	35	\$3,538.45