



Plan for implementation
Budget
School Principal Approval

Grant proposals should be submitted on school stationary letterhead and should be no more than 3 pages in length, excluding the cover page (shown below) and line item budget detailing proposal needs. Proposal should explain need and purpose of project, goals and objectives, number of students and grades benefitted and/or number of educators benefitted and their respective positions, total amount requested including line item budget detailing how funds will be used, description of how funds will be tracked to ensure that proper accounting procedures are followed, and description of how the success of the project will be evaluated. Each proposal must be signed by the school principal and primary contact person for the project and must be mailed no later than November 15, 2013 to:

The SSF Memorial Educational Grant Program
PO Box 53674
Fayetteville, NC 28305

Recipients will be notified by December 15, 2013. Awards will be made in January 2014 to the recipient's school.

APPLICATION COVER PAGE

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PROJECT NAME	<u>Updating Mathematics and Science Book Collection</u>
DATE SUBMITTED	<u>November 8, 2013</u>
CURRICULUM AREA	<u>Mathematics and Science</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	<u>\$1,000.00 (however, willing to accept less if needed)</u>
BRIEF SUMMARY (3-5) SENTENCES	<u>Our media center's book collection has an average copyright year of 1995, whereas; North Carolina's is 1998. The average age of our book collection is eighteen years. We are in dire need of updated and modern books geared towards all our students on the subjects of Mathematics and Science.</u>

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Number of Students/Educators Benefitted: 244 Students and 55 Educators (classroom teachers, resource teachers, media specialist, teacher assistants and other staff)

Plan for Implementation: Purchase much needed modern books on the subjects of science and math to place in the media center for check-out by students and educators

Glendale Acres Elementary School is a public primary school located within an older neighborhood of Fayetteville, North Carolina. The school consists of kindergarten, first and second grades, and a K-1-2 class for children with autism. Our students come from a wide spectrum of socioeconomic levels. Glendale Acres is also a Title I school due to approximately 50% of our students receiving free/reduced lunch. Glendale Acres serves 244 students with an ethnic/racial student demographic composition reflected as follows: Caucasian (36%), African-American (45%), Asian (.09%), Hispanic (0.3%), Native American (0.1%), and Other (0.6%).

We are committed to providing an environment that will enable all children the opportunity to be successful learners. Through a variety of instructional approaches and student focused decision making, Glendale Acres' administration, faculty, staff and parents strive to enable students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens within their community.

- Vision: "We will learn today to become leaders tomorrow!"
- Mission: "Provide a safe and caring environment that will ensure success and nothing less!"
- Motto: "Learning with Love and Laughter!"

Glendale Acres Elementary School is a Cumberland County School of Choice. Therefore, we are also referred to as Glendale Acres Communication/Foreign Language Academy. At Glendale Acres Academy, we offer enhanced communication skills and foreign language programs. The communication component of our choice program concentrates on the enhancement of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, and critical thinking skills. Accordingly, we continuously look for additional ways to improve these skills. We feel that the enhancement of communication skills will make a positive impact on our students and their future. In addition, we realize that it is also very important to improve educational opportunities for all our students in the subject area of mathematics and science.

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Therefore, we would like to request support from the Stephen Shane Fincher Memorial Foundation by applying for an Educational Grant to purchase new library books for our school's media center on the subjects of mathematics and science. The goal of the program is to increase access to updated children's literature in the subjects of mathematics and science in order to motivate kindergarten, first grade and second grade students to learn. This project will provide much needed modern, colorful and exciting books that meet the various reading levels of all our students. Each of our 244 Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students will have access to the new books in the media center. The books will meet the students' individual reading levels of low, average or high.

This is a real need for our school because funding for books has decreased from both the state and federal levels. Consequently, we have not been able to purchase very many books in recent years. Furthermore, as our media coordinator weeds out the old and damaged books each year as required, our book collection continues to shrink. This is quite evident according to the following data from our school's North Carolina School Report Cards:

- The average age of books in Glendale Acres Elementary School's media center is 1995 but it is 1998 for the state of North Carolina.
- The average age of our book collection in the media center is eighteen years. This is fine for most fiction books but for nonfiction books, especially those on the subjects of mathematics and science, this means that a lot of the information is very outdated and in some cases no longer accurate.
- Our media specialist is required to weed out over 1,000 books this school year (2013-2014).

For the aforementioned reasons, it is undeniably important to add some new books to Glendale Acres Academy's media center. Modern books on topics such as mammals, plants, the earth, health, weather, mathematics, and technology will inspire our very young students to become successful readers, thus; lifetime learners. School media centers are often the only resources that a child has access to for research and pleasure reading activities. We must ensure that they have adequate access to relevant, correct, and high interest materials across all content areas. With advances in technology and science occurring on a daily basis, it is particularly important to maintain current resources in these fields.

We use the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, which is comprised of Common Core State Standards and Essential Standards to provide balanced mathematics and science programs for all our students. In addition, reading is vital to academic success as noted by the following statement from the United States Department of Education's website. "Research shows that children who read well in the early grades are far more successful in later years." In addition, a recent reading report from the National Education Association points out that it is important to provide young students with

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"libraries of rich, multilevel reading materials." In view of this research, we would like to place a book order of \$1,000.00 with one of the companies that we order books from such as, *Follett Library Resources*. This will provide us with approximately fifty multilevel reading books that are geared for our primary students. The books will meet the varied reading level needs of all our students. We will purchase high interest books targeted for at-risk readers as well as for average and high level readers on the subjects of mathematics and science. The books will bring to life various mathematical concepts as well as the science concepts of investigation, evidence, and explanation for all our students. Please note that we will gladly accept a lesser amount if needed. Once the books arrive, they will be placed in our media center for all of our students to enjoy reading.


Teacher observation of students reading the new books will be one form of evaluation. Also, teachers should be able to see an increase in parent involvement because students will be excited about checking out the brand new books to take home and read with their parents. Additionally, literacy assessment scores will be another way to evaluate the program. Furthermore, the media specialist can refer to check-out logs to see how many and how often the new books are checked out. Also, students can take Accelerated Reader tests on any of the new books that have available Accelerated Reader quizzes. We can use the test results to help measure how well students have comprehended what they read. All 244 kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students will have the opportunity to check out the books. Moreover, since the lifespan of books can exceed eighteen years as indicated by our current media center book collection, many students for years to come will be able to benefit from the new books.

Budget:

Glendale Acres Elementary School Educational Grant Budget
50 K-1-2 books for the media center on the subjects of science and mathematics
***\$1,000.00**

*Primarily, we order books for our media center from a book company, such as *Follett Library Resources*. Therefore, we can request that the company send us up to, but not to exceed, \$1,000 worth of modern, high interest books across the content areas of mathematics and science, and for all the varied reading levels of kindergarten, first grade and second grade students. This will total approximately fifty books. Furthermore, we are willing to accept a lesser amount and order fewer books if needed. We can also cover any overage. Moreover, we will gladly provide documentation of our book purchase and an evaluation of our program to the Stephen Shane Fincher Memorial Foundation.

Sincerely,

Deborah Dowd, Grant Contact

School Principal Approval:

Donna B. Vann, Principal