



## Hattiesburg Public School District Foundation

### Grant Application Form

2019 - 2020

#### Project Applicant Information

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#### Project Information

To which Priority Funding Area does this grant application apply? (Check Only One)

STEM-Related

High School Graduation

Literacy

Staff Development Programming

Project Name/Title: Academic Advancement Through Accelerated Reader

School(s) Involved: Hawkins Elementary School

Grade(s) Served: Pre-K- 5<sup>th</sup>

Number of Students/Staff Impacted: 300

Amount Requested: \$ 500

Minimum Amount Needed: \$500

#### Project Details

**Brief description of the project:** Hawkins Elementary School is on a mission to create an environment comprised of students with a a passion for reading. H.E.S. promotes the Accelerated Reader Program, which encourages students to read books and take quizzes that measure comprehension. Each year, H.E.S. identifies four lower grade (PK-2<sup>nd</sup>) students, and four upper grade (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) students for reading the most books and passing the most Accelerated Reader Test.

**Describe the needs the project will address:** Through the development of ideas and incentives to motivate students to read, this project will encourage students to read on a daily basis. The greatest reward of reading is the literacy gained; however, students admire encouragement, incentives, and friendly competition. This project will allow the Literacy Committee to boost the love and admiration of reading while motivating students to be goal oriented.

**Does the project address one or more of the district's goals or core values? If so, which one(s) and how?**

The Academic Advancement Through Accelerated Reader Project addresses the district's goal of increasing academic success by encouraging, promoting, and supporting literacy. Literacy opens doors to many opportunities. By increasing a student's willingness to read, we're increasing their level of literacy and expanding their knowledge of the world.

**What are the objectives of the project and the methodology for measuring success in meeting the objectives? (Use measurable terms, such as the percent of students who will increase their reading proficiency. Define the manner in which the project's success or outcomes will be measured or evaluated.)**

The objectives of this project is to increase reading fluency and comprehension, by rewarding students for continuously utilizing literacy to promote overall student achievement. At least, fifty percent of the students at Hawkins Elementary School will reach their Nine Weeks Accelerated Reader goals as a result of this project. Currently, only about 30% of the students at Hawkins Elementary School are showing sufficient progress with AR. An increase in literacy will result in increases in Math and problem solving, among other things.

**List the timeframe required for the project's implementation and evaluation.**

At the end of each semester (December and May), the top four students, that have read the most books, and passed the most Accelerated Reader Tests, will be rewarded with a bicycle.

**If the project will be ongoing, how will future funding needs be met?**

For future referencing, this project can continue its success through school fundraisers or community partnerships.

### **Project Budget**

Please provide a complete, itemized budget for the project, including all major income and expense categories. The budget should be no longer than one page and should be attached to this application form. Please include funds already committed to the project and list the source of those funds. Please note that the Foundation does not fund salaries and generally does not fund any type of food purchases.

### **Notice**

The original of this application and any attachments become the property of the Foundation upon submission. The Foundation reserves the right to request additional information to ensure the grant is in keeping with its mission. Information on awarded grants will be made available to the public by the Foundation.

**Signatures**

Latoche Taylor 2/19/19

Applicant Signature / Date

Steph Mikell

Principal or Department Supervisor Signature / Date

**Budget:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b># Needed</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Huffy 20" Bicycle</b> (Boys or Girls)	<b>#567140247</b>	<b>\$58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$464</b>

**Submitted By:**

Latisha Woodard-Taylor