

Opens on August 1, 2024**Closes on September 3, 2024 at 11:59PM**

Established in 2014, Lumpkin County Education Foundation (LCEF) is a private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to enriching our children's educational opportunities in the Lumpkin County School System (LCSS). LCEF provides grants on an annual basis for broad-based enrichment projects, activities, or trips (referred to here as "Projects"). Projects may be related to a specific class topic, interdisciplinary, or departmental in scope. Eligible applicants may apply for grants to fund Projects and BIG Projects are encouraged! For the 2024-2025 school year, LCEF anticipates it will have approximately \$15,000.00 to disburse for grants! Notice of grant awards will be announced via email on Monday, September 16, 2024, with public announcement at the Lumpkin-Chestatee home football game on Friday, September 20, 2024. (Recipients are encouraged to attend!)

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be a licensed LCSS educator.
- Project designed to benefit a broad groups of students: individual class, grade level team, entire grade level, or other cross section of students.
- Project must be started and completed within the current school year.
- Grants funds **cannot be used** for employee salaries, routine school supplies or equipment (laptops, iPads), other normal expenses (office supplies and furniture), individual scholarships, or athletic activities.
- An educator may submit only one application per school year.

Application Requirements

- Project Title
- Name of Applicant (Educator)
- E-mail address of Applicant
- Phone number of Applicant
- School
- School Administration Approval (name and signature of supervisor)
- Amount of Funds Requested (\$250 min - \$5,000 max per Project)
- Student Population Served (class, grade, activity, etc.)
- Approximate Number of Students Benefitting
- Estimated Date(s) of Project
- Description of the Project; please include the academic standards this Project supports. Attach (and number) additional pages as needed.
- NEW THIS YEAR: The Alice Sampson-Cordle Artist-in-Residency Grant: See attached information on this special grant.

Submission

Send completed application to:
Lumpkin County Education Foundation.

Accepted methods of submission include:

EMAIL: lumpkineducationfoundation@gmail.com

—AND/OR—

MAIL: Lumpkin County Education Foundation
P.O. Box 262, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Please note: An emailed application must be submitted as a **single** PDF document. The Applicant's name [last name, first name] must be included in the header on each page. If sending a hard copy by mail, ensure that each page includes a header with the Applicant's name [last name, first name].

Submissions Close at 11:59 pm, September 3, 2024

Scoring

The Retired Educators of Lumpkin County Association will convene a panel to score and rank-order applications. Scoring will be based on eligibility criteria and application requirements (see above). Individual scoring will not be released. Projects should be designed to meet the LCSS curriculum standards (based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence) and use creative and engaging activities to achieve the Project's objectives. We appreciate the service of our committed educators!

Project Completion and Review

Within one (1) month of Project completion, each grant recipient will provide LCEF a review of its Project on a form that will be provided upon grant award. Reviews must include at least two (2) photos of the Project. Reviews and photos may be used by LCEF on its website and as part of its continued fundraising for our students. If photos contain images of identifiable students, the grant recipient must obtain a completed and signed parent photo release form. Before grant award funds are disbursed, grant recipients will be required to sign an agreement to fulfill this requirement upon completion of the project.

Please see www.lcedfoundation.org for more information about this special, local non-profit in our county!



2024-2025 NEW GRANT CATEGORY

The Alice Sampson-Cordle Artist-in-Residence Grant

Lifelong professional educator, Lumpkin County resident, and LCEF Board Member, Alice Sampson-Cordle was a force of nature. She was fiercely devoted to improving her community and showed up for LCEF in word and deed. When she passed in 2023, the Board of LCEF decided to honor Alice by creating a particularized grant award for one of her especially favored sorts of Projects, the Artist-in-Residence. **This grant is eligible for a maximum \$2,500.00 award.**

Why the arts?

Each student learns in a different way. With the arts as part of our broader educational curriculum, students develop self-confidence, critical thinking skills, discipline, academic success, interpersonal skills, and creativity. The arts can also complement other academic studies in science, social studies, language, math, or more – the possibilities are limitless!

Why an artist-in-residence?

Artist residencies provides students with a hands-on experience. These residencies provide an innovative approach to solving a problem, achieving a goal, and learning to work together as part of a team. In this concept, an artist may be “housed” for a series of days or over a period of time at the school as the artist works with students directly.

Not only does an artist-in-residence provide enrichment for students, but also hosting an artist-in-residence can be among the most rewarding professional development opportunities for the educator, through the collaborative process that yields benefits for students for years to come.

For the ALICE GRANT application, add to the DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT as follows:

- Length of residency (number of days/weeks/months)
- Type of residency/name of artist identified and the qualifications of the artist
- Description of facilities/equipment available to the artist
- Description of the plan for team teaching for the educator(s) and artist-in-residence: how will the collaboration work?
- What the students will learn from the Project