

**CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET**

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 Note: If Philanthropy Network Greater Philadelphia's Common Grant Application is used, the CCCF's Summary Sheet **MUST** accompany application. To obtain an electronic version of this application, visit [www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org)

**Date:**

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Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes  No  Not Sure   
 Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes  No  Not Sure   
 Donor Advised Fund(s)  Fund for Chester County  Don't know/Not sure

**Field/s of Interest:**

Arts, Culture & Humanities  Environment/Animal Welfare  Education  
 Health  Human Services  Religion

**Organization Information:**

**Geographic Area Served** (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):

**Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:** Church Farm School enrolls students from all of Chester County and all over the world.

**Mission:** To prepare a diverse group of boys with academic ability and good character to lead productive and fulfilling lives by making a college preparatory education financially accessible.

**Proposal Summary:** Church Farm School respectfully requests a capital grant of \$10,000 to assist in the emergency replacement of its Gymnasium Roof which was completed during the summer of 2014. It is critical that the school return the \$50,000 that the roof cost to its scholarship fund.

**If Capacity Building Proposal:** This is a capital project

Mission, Vision & Strategy  Governance & Leadership  Strategic Relationships  
 Fundraising & Development  Operations  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Annual Budget</b> \$ <u>10,041,000</u>	<u>70</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>76</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>17</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>18</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>50</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>06</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>2,000</u>	# of Volunteer Hours
<u>100</u> % total		

Top 3-5 funding sources: Friends, Corporations, Foundations and Alumni

Grant Amount Requested from CCCF: \$10,000

## II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

*Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.*



### 1. Organization's history, goals, key achievements and distinctiveness

History: Rev. Dr. Charles W. Shreiner, an Episcopal Priest, founded CFS in 1918 for boys with limited resources and/or from single parent families. He intended to provide a secure setting where they could develop their minds and bodies and grow into productive, meaningful adulthood. The school included a working farm and, until the 1980s, student labor helped to support the academic programs. Over the years CFS provided both a nurturing environment for promising young men as well as an exceptionally strong academic program. Today, CFS is a college preparatory school for 190 racially diverse and academically capable boys, grades 7-12. As a result of the generosity of the Chester County and Philadelphia communities, low income students attending the school receive generous scholarships. Additionally, many Chester County families send their sons to CFS with an appreciation of the school's small size and the real-world experiences encountered in such a diverse school.

Goals: CFS goals are to provide: (1) An excellent, well-rounded, private school education to young men, many from low income families; (2) A positive, structured home life on campus; (3) A competitive athletic program and outstanding enrichment programs; (4) Multiple opportunities for students to engage in community service in Chester County; and (5) 100% placement of students in competitive colleges with students receiving maximum financial aid and scholarships.

Key Achievements: (1) 100% of the Class of 2014 was accepted by four year colleges and universities, including Princeton, the University of Notre Dame, North Carolina University, Villanova and others; (2) During the 2013-2014 school year, CFS students provided more than 3,000 hours of community service, primarily to Chester County non-profits. (3) Many of CFS's 10 athletic teams placed first or very high in their league, the Bicentennial Athletic League, and in state competition.

Distinctiveness: (1) CFS provides a high-quality boarding school education to students of modest means. (2) Caucasian, Asian, Hispanic and African American students (with no majority race) from Chester County, the US and 18 foreign countries are blended into a high-functioning academic community; (3) While CFS has necessarily evolved to keep pace with the changing world, it remains faithful to its founding Episcopal principles—although students' religious and cultural backgrounds are fully respected,

a fulltime chaplain provides twice weekly chapel services and spiritual guidance to this diverse community.

## 2. Church Farm School Gymnasium Funding request:



Description of Key Initiatives: Every Church Farm School student participates in athletics throughout the school year. The school's 10 sports—lacrosse was added in 2014—build on a proud tradition of athletically competent, hard striving young men, who despite spare facilities and small numbers, often win Bicentennial Athletic League, as well as PIAA District and State championships. The basketball, cross country, spring track and middle school soccer teams also use the gymnasium.

Without question, the hub of CFS's storied basketball program is the gymnasium. Built in 1956, the gymnasium has seen young men with raw talent, grit, hard work and great coaching realize hoop dreams beyond small school imagining. Consider these recent alumni:

- Micheal Eric '07 earned a Masters Degree at Temple University while assisting his team in delivering several championship seasons.
- Dozi Mbonu '88 was one of Lehigh University's five greatest basketball players. In 2012, as manager of the Nigerian National Team, he took the team to its first ever Olympics.
- Doolun Anyum '12 currently plays basketball at Skidmore with a full scholarship.
- Aondofa Anyum '14, a key member of the 2012-14 basketball teams, attends St. Peter's University with a full track scholarship.



Specific Needs and Issues to be Addressed: The gymnasium has served CFS well, but passing time and thousands of students and spectators have taken their toll. For years, rain and heavy snows resulted in massive leaking. Games had to be interrupted and even suspended (in one case a state playoff game) because of wet floors.

- The failing roof had to be replaced this summer for a cost of \$50,000. CFS paid for these emergency repairs and aims to restore these funds for vital student scholarships.
- Banners recognizing the rich history of the CFS athletic program while acknowledging current accomplishments are needed and not within the operating budget.
- Other Athletic Department needs this year include new uniforms for the lacrosse and tennis teams.

Organizational impact if initiative is undertaken: While Church Farm School focuses on providing a quality college-prep education, athletics are an important adjunct to our academic programs. Our

students must receive generous scholarships to attend college, and often athletics as well as academics plays a role in attaining these scholarships.

- How this grant will enhance Church Farm School’s capacity: Most of the budgeted funds from the Campaign will be used to replace CFS scholarship dollars used for the gymnasium roof. Annually this school must provide \$4.2 million in scholarships to its students, and many needs are postponed in deference to this commitment to mission.
- How this increase in Church Farm School’s capacity will be measured: Basketball games will no longer be interrupted by inclement weather. On the positive side, the improved facility will contribute to team pride and performance.

Activities to Implement this Initiative: Church Farm School administrators, Basketball Coach Marc Turner and key board members, alumni and donors will convene via a September webcast to launch a mini-campaign around the gymnasium. They seek a \$25,000 challenge grant for the gymnasium room and the athletic program. The budget for the Gymnasium Campaign is as follows:

\$50,000	Install new roof on gym (These funds must be replaced in order to provide scholarships.)
\$ 3,000	Create and install banners depicting championship seasons
\$ 5,000	Construct and install trophy cases
\$ 2,000	Purchase athletic team apparel including uniforms, sneakers, etc.
<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>Campaign Goal</b>

It is projected that the campaign will conclude in the spring of 2015, prior to the end of basketball season.

Why it is important to fund this project now: With the opening of the 2014-15 school year and the acceptance of more low-income students, CFS will strive to replace these necessary, and in the case of the gymnasium room, critical expenditures to augment its scholarship fund.

### **3. How Impact and Results Will Be Demonstrated**

All connected with Church Farm School will deeply appreciate the team’s ability to play a full season of basketball in the gymnasium along with other sports. The gymnasium’s improved utility and appearance will create an atmosphere that fosters student pride by highlighting athletic accomplishments of the CFS basketball program, and, by association, of its nine other varsity sports.