

**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

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	Year Incorporated: Founded in 1918; Inc.: 1977

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): All of Chester County, Greater Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served: Church Farm School enrolls 190 young men, grades 8-12, from a variety of backgrounds but generally from low income families and communities such as Philadelphia, Coatesville, Chester, Newark and Harlem.

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 grant of \$6,000 to support one low income student from Chester County through our Griffin Scholars Program. Donors, if they wish, will have an opportunity to get to know the young man they support at our twice a year Griffin Scholar luncheons.

If Capacity Building Proposal: This is an operations project
 Mission, Vision & Strategy Governance & Leadership Strategic Relationships
 Fundraising & Development Operations Other: _____

Annual Budget \$ <u>10,740,000</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: (1) Friends, (2) Corporations, (3) Foundations, (4) EITC/OSTC (5) Special events

Grant Amount Requested from CCCF: \$6,000

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 8-12. As a result of the generosity of the Chester County and greater Philadelphia communities, low income students receive generous scholarships. Additionally, many Chester County families send their sons to CFS with an appreciation of the School's small size, excellent academics, and the real world environment.

Goals: CFS goals are to provide: (1) An excellent, well-rounded, private school education to young men, primarily 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 2018 was accepted by four year colleges and universities. Financial aid exceeded \$3 million and many students are attending top colleges with full scholarships. (2) The School's new Alumni Success Program has resulted in 100% of the Class of 2017 students completing their freshman year of college. (3) During the 2017-2018 school year, CFS students provided more than 3,000 hours of community service, primarily to Chester County non-profits.

Distinctiveness: (1) CFS provides a high quality boarding school education to students of modest means. (2) Caucasian, Asian, Hispanic and African American students from Chester County and elsewhere are blended into a high performing 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 Griffin Scholar Funding request:

Description of Key Initiatives: The Griffin Scholars Program links individual, corporate and foundation donors to Church Farm School students who are designated Griffin Scholars. Donors, if they wish, attend two Griffin Scholar Luncheons annually, at which they get to know the wonderful young men they support so generously.

Specific Needs and Issues to be Addressed: Resulting from its mission to underserved boys, tuition and fees cover only about 17% of Church Farm School's operating budget. The remainder comes from the School's endowment and a vigorous fund raising program. It is necessary to raise almost \$2M annually to support the School's rigorous educational and residential programs.

This is not a capacity building request, but some of the questions below apply to the Griffin Scholars Program.

- How will this grant enhance your organization's capacity? Not only does support of the Griffin Scholars program provide scholarship aid to our students, but it also often results in valuable mentoring relationships between Church Farm School students and donors. Our Griffin Scholars like to explore options for college and careers with their sponsors as most often they are the first in their families to attend college.
- How will this increase in organizational capacity be measured? The Griffin Scholars Program allow us to afford additional college counseling resources that incorporate graduate support. While it is important that 100% of our seniors be admitted to competitive colleges and universities (as routinely happens), it is also critical that these low-income students graduate from college on time and with a minimum of debt. Graduate support helps to facilitate this, and student outcomes can be tracked.
- Activities to Implement This Initiative: The Griffin Scholars program is on-going and related activities take place throughout the year. These include:
 1. Griffin Scholars Luncheons in October and May to which all sponsors are invited.
 2. Private luncheons with Griffin Scholars for foundation representatives and other donors who cannot make the scheduled luncheons.
 3. Donors attend their students' graduations if they wish.
- Why it is important to fund this project now: With the opening of the 2018-19 School Year and the acceptance of an increased number of mission students, Church Farm School seeks 20 new Griffin Sponsors to carry our students through the school year. This is rewarding program for both students and donors.

3. How Impact and Results Will Be Demonstrated

Tangible outcomes of the Griffin Scholars Program stem from the relationships created between students and the adults who sponsor them. While the affects of these relationships are difficult to quantify, they are important to our student's aspirations as they navigate the unfamiliar world of college and careers. In the long run, increased first-hand knowledge of our students will become wide-spread in our surrounding community leading to greater understanding and support of Church Farm School's mission.

III Attachments

1. Copy of 501 (c) (3) federal tax exempt letter.
2. List of Board of Directors with their Affiliations
3. Most recent Annual Report and audited financial statement.
4. Itemized organizational operating budget.
5. Current strategic plan.