

ZELINDA LEBOUTILLIER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



II. GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

*Please provide the following information clearly and concisely.
Proposals of 1 or 2 pages are strongly encouraged.*

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

SS. Philip and James School (SSPJ) provides a quality Catholic education for students in preschool (3- and 4-year-olds) through grade 8 combining the best of current teaching strategies and technology with traditional Catholic values in a warm and caring atmosphere. SSPJ has been educating students since 1960 and have a history of challenging academics enhanced by the latest technology, a fine arts program, Spanish, Honors Math, a spacious gym, a STREAM lab, and a state-of-the-art science lab.

SSPJ is committed to the faith formation of children from Pre-K 3 through grade 8, using the Archdiocese of Philadelphia curriculum, the expertise of skilled and dedicated teachers, and the active involvement of parents.

SSPJ is fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. The school first received accreditation in 1982 and has been accredited by the Commission through 2022. The school was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 1989-90 and was recognized as a school of Academic Distinction by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2019 and also designated as one of the Catholic schools in Chester County to receive increased STREAM focus. This year we were voted the best Pre-School in Chester County by the Daily Local News.

2. Funding request: Funding request is for \$6,410 to purchase new software to supplement our instruction and technology. This software provides researched based learning and better suited to helps students master essential skills at their own pace.

A. Specific Chester County needs and issues addressed: Use of innovative learning materials to provide enhanced content to student base.

B. Organizational impact (for general operating proposals) or project impact (for project proposals): These programs will be used across all classrooms and become part of the school's general operating processes.

C. Overall strategies to implement the organization's mission (or project): As stated in our Mission Statement, the use of new, more current, software will empower our students to develop fully their intellectual and social skills.

D. Why it is important to fund this now: As a Catholic School our funds are limited and programs of this type are paid for by fundraising. As our enrollment grows and technology changes, we find our fundraising money supporting our goal of creating a 1:1 student-to-device ratio. For example, for next school year we need to purchase 55 Chromebooks, 25 iPads, and also begin replacing outdated Smart Boards. Funding this software now will allow SSPJ students to better utilize the devices.

3. Timetable, with anticipated outcomes and their relevance to the nonprofit's mission: We would purchase the software and install on devices before school starts in September 2021. The outcomes will be enhanced learning and increased use of technology.

4. How impact and results will be demonstrated: The learning is measured for each student using Terra Nova testing scores. We will also track usage of the software.