



Frequently Asked Questions

What exactly is a giving circle and where do the funds come from?

A giving circle is a way for people to come together, pool their financial resources, and have a greater impact than they would as an individual. Each member of the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle contributes \$250.00 per year as their membership contribution.

What schools are in the E.E. Smith School District?

The designated schools for the E.E. Smith School District are: Ferguson-Easley Elementary, Lucile Souders Elementary, Margaret Willis Elementary, Warrenwood Elementary, Westarea Elementary, Luther "Nick" Jeralds Middle, Reid Ross Classical and E.E. Smith High School.

I'm having difficulty downloading the Grant Application. What do I do?

Contact Kimmie Teague Nettles at Cumberland Community Foundation at 910-483-4449 or kimmie@cumberlandcf.org. She will be able to email or fax a copy of the forms to you in a Word or Adobe document.

Does the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle consider grant requests outside of Cumberland County, North Carolina?

No, our focus is on E.E. Smith attendance area schools and Cumberland County.

I have submitted a Grant Application for the 2010 grant cycle. What's next?

The Grants Committee will review the Grant Applications, and the selected schools and organizations will be posted on our website no later than May 28, 2010.

May I submit more than one application from my school or organization?

No, each school or organization is able to put forth one grant application for each grant cycle.

Does the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle commit to multi-year funding?

Currently, the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is only considering funding for one year intervals.

I missed the deadline to submit a Letter of Inquiry for the 2010 grant cycle, is there other funding available?

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle currently offers one grant cycle held in the spring each year.