



Introduction to the Grants Process

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is an established philanthropic organization in Cumberland County. This is the first grant cycle for the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle.

What is the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle?

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is a charitable fund established by the Cumberland Community Foundation through a grant from NCGives. The goal of the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is to provide philanthropic support to improve math and science programs for schools in the E.E. Smith School District. Assets of the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle are held and maintained at the Cumberland Community Foundation and members serve as the advisory panel to oversee the administration of the funds.

Who We Are:

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving circle consists of men and women of all ages and backgrounds that come together, pool their contributions, and make funding decisions together.

How We Give:

Each member contributes \$250 annually for a period of three years. The three-year commitment encourages members to consider philanthropy a lifetime pursuit and allows E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle to remain a stable source of funds for the benefit of E.E. Smith and its feeder schools. This year, the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle has over \$69,000 available to grant to schools in the E.E. Smith School District and organizations in Cumberland County providing services promoting excellence in math and science in these schools.

How to Apply:

Please fill out the grant application form. After reviewing the grant applications, the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle Grants Committee will follow up as necessary with a call, site-visit, or by asking for more documentation or information. Those chosen for

funding will be posted on our website May 28, 2009. No letters will be sent. Although no attachments are necessary other than your **organization's tax exempt letter**, agencies may attach a single annual report or agency brochure.

Deadline: Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis starting April 1, 2010. The final deadline to submit a grant application for consideration in the 2010 grant cycle is **April 23, 2010**.

IMPORTANT: Submitting a grant application does not guarantee funding.

The Grant Application form is available as a Microsoft Word document on our website:

<http://www.cumberlandcf.org/E.E.SmithAcademicExcellenceGivingCircle.php>

If you are unable to download the Grant Application, please contact Kimmi Teague Nettles at Cumberland Community Foundation at kimmie@cumberlandcf.org or 910-483-4449.

Submitting the Grant Application Form

1. Grant application forms must be received at the Cumberland Community Foundation's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010. Postmark dates do not qualify.
2. Schools and organizations may submit **only one** grant application per grant cycle.
3. Funding is only available for one year. No multi-year funding will be considered.
4. Agencies may attach a single annual report or an agency brochure if they would like.
5. Eligibility requirements and a timeline are included in the Grant Application form.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle Coordinator, Kimmi Teague Nettles at: kimmie@cumberlandcf.org or 910-483-4449.

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to learning more about your program.