



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 Middle and E.E. Smith High School.

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

Contact Mary Holmes at Cumberland Community Foundation at 910-483-4449 or mary@cumberlandcf.org. She will be able to email or fax a copy of the forms to you.

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 recent grant cycle. What's next?

The Grants Committee will follow the grant cycle timeline on the website and consider all eligible requests. The giving circle will announce the award selections at a membership meeting and the information will be posted on our website according to the schedule.

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. If the school staff wants to apply for more than one grant, then the principal of your school will decide which project to put forward.

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 application deadline. Is there other funding available?

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