

ST. JAMES PARISH EDUCATION EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

What is it?

The **St. James Excellence in Education Fund** is a nonprofit organization designed to inspire and reward excellence in public education. It will establish and manage a Foundation that will invest directly in the work of individual teachers and schools. Grants will be awarded for innovative ideas and programs for the public schools of St. James Parish.

Its' ultimate goal is to have public school graduates achieve a high rate of success in their chosen careers.

How does it work?

Teachers submit a mini grant application for materials and resources to enhance instruction. The mini grants are funded through gifts from corporations, businesses and individuals and are placed in an **endowed trust** administered by the greater New Orleans Foundation to ensure the Fund's perpetuity. Grants awarded from the Fund will be matched by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on a 3:1 or 2:1 basis.

Awards of up to \$1200 are granted through a competitive selection process. All contributions will directly benefit the students and community of St. James Parish.

Who will benefit from this foundation?

Our children will benefit!

Additional materials and supplies will stimulate learning and help to provide new, meaningful experiences for the students of St. James Parish.

Our teachers will benefit!

■ St. James Parish teachers will have the opportunity to try new and creative ideas that may have otherwise been restricted by cost.

Who will benefit from this foundation?

Our schools will benefit!

These new innovative projects will stimulate enthusiasm in the schools of St. James Parish.

Our community will benefit!

Education of our youth is the foundation of our future.

□ The workforce will benefit!

Graduates will be better prepared to apply academic knowledge and skills.

How can you help?

You can make a tax deductible donation to the St. James Parish Excellence in Education Foundation.

You can share your interest and concern for education in St. James Parish with other members of our community.

Click here for a form to give.

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