

*BENJAMIN & CORINNE PIERCE
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.*

GRANT APPLICATION

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Benjamin and Corinne Pierce Charitable Foundation is to improve the physical, intellectual, economic and spiritual quality of life for the people in Alcorn County. To accomplish this we are committed to support ---

- Programs for At-Risk Children
- Personal Character Development
- Community Improvement Projects
- Economic Development

Foundation Priorities

- I. Programs for At-Risk Children
 - Education, Tutoring
 - Youth Sports for Underprivileged Children
 - Mentoring
 - Support of the Arts
 - Scholarships for Students in Need
 - Encourage Reinvestment of Young People in Community
- II. Personal Character Development
 - Spiritual Development
 - Substance Abuse Issues
 - Bring in People to Inspire, Inform and Motivate
- III. Community Improvement Projects
- IV. Economic Development
 - Vocational-Technical Training
 - Career Counseling

Value Statements of Interest

- Support of Efforts that Foster Empowerment
- Encouragement & Leverage of Charitable Giving
- Encouragement of Volunteerism
- Support of Faith-Based Organizations
- Linkage with Strong Partners

Proposal Requirements

When presenting your grant proposal, please submit the following:

Cover Letter - A letter authorizing submission of the grant request signed by the chief executive officer or president of your organization.

Cover Information - Use the form included in this packet.

Organization Profile - Use the form included in this packet to provide a brief description of your organization. Please include:

- mission statement
- outreach area
- year organization was founded
- list of current officers and board of directors
- list of staff and job titles
- copy of organization's annual budget
- copy of official 501 (c) 3 status

**Organizations previously
submitting profile information are
not required to resubmit unless
information has changed.**

(Important: Your application will be incomplete without all the above listed items.)

Budget Proposal

A. Use the form provided to itemize the budget for your project. Please be specific. For funds firmly committed to the project from other organizations, include letters of commitment from those organizations. Place an asterisk by any funds not firmly committed at time of application.

B. Please attach a budget narrative listing and carefully explaining each line item in the column "request to PIERCE." Submit bids or official estimates on any equipment, furniture, etc. Please identify and explain funds to be committed by your organization. It is also essential that you provide letters of commitment to substantiate your listing of funds from other sources. List funds not fully committed and provide an explanation.

Project Description - Provide a full description of your project by completing the Project Description section of the application. Carefully complete all categories.

Copies - Enclose an additional SEVEN (7) copies of the grant proposal. Without these requirements, your application will be considered incomplete.

Other Support Material - Other material supporting the grant application, such as videos, photographs, reports, etc., may be included.

Evaluation Requirements

If your organization is awarded a grant from The Pierce Foundation, you will be required to complete and submit Pierce Foundation evaluation forms as stipulated in our award letter to you.

Cover Information

Date _____

Due Date _____

Applicant Agency _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Contact person for this project: _____

Project Title: _____

Date Project to Begin: _____

Date Project to End (if applicable): _____

Total Project Budget \$ _____

Amount Requested from The Pierce Foundation: \$ _____

Project Summary

Please use the space below for a brief description and overview of your project. The project summary should not exceed the space provided. (The Project Description section of the application allows for more detailed information.)

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ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Please present a profile of your organization by providing the following:

Mission Statement _____

Outreach area of your organization _____

Year organization was founded: _____

Attach the following documents to this page:

- list of current officers and board of directors
- copy of organization's annual budget
- copy of official 501(c)3 status

The budget proposal should include items to be purchased or reimbursed for the project. **Place an asterisk by any funds not firmly committed. For firmly committed funds, include letters of commitment from the contributing organization.** If you need more space or feel explanation is needed for certain budget items, please enter additional information below the chart.

Budget Item <i>(please be specific)</i>	Funds requested from Pierce Foundation	Funds to be contributed by your organization	Funds from other sources		Total Funds
			Amount of Funds	Name of Contributing Organization	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
Total of Budget Items					

In-Kind Contributions: If you have any In-kind contributions for your project that you would like to acknowledge, please list those below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Present an overview of concept/function/benefit of project.

2. List information and data that support need for this project in your community.

3. List specific, clearly identified and measurable goals/objectives of the project.

4. Explain how the projected outcomes/results will be measured and evaluated.

5. Describe the target group and specific numbers to be served by the project. Identify why this target group was selected.

6. Explain the timeframe of the project.

7. Describe the geographical area to be served by the project.

8. Describe the specific activities of the project. _____

9. Explain your organization's plan for maintaining records/data/information for your evaluation of the project and for evaluation by The Pierce Foundation. Include copies of your record keeping system and evaluation plan. _____

10. Demonstrate community participation or networking of community resources that support this project. If you have any in-kind contributions committed to your project, please list and explain. Please include letters of commitment of resources or participation as verification. _____

11. Present specific plan for long-term continuation of project. Please include letters of commitment for financial support as verification. _____

12. List other organizations/agencies that provide services which are similar to those of your project. Explain. _____

13. List barriers your organization anticipates facing in reaching the objective of this project. Describe how you plan to overcome these barriers. _____

14. Describe efforts you have made to raise funds for this project. _____

