



Foundation For Allen Schools Grant Application 2021

Scholarship Fund Amount: \$0

Let's get to know you!

Please provide your work-related Twitter contact information.	@ahspals
Please provide your work-related Facebook contact information.	Allen HS PALs
I have co-applicants:	No
Best phone number to reach you at:	+19729483897
Campus	Allen High School
Grade(s)	10;11;12

Additional Co-Applicants

Campus	Allen High School
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Project Information

Are there any additional funds available for this grant?	No
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	Yes
Will other campuses be involved/impacted?	Yes
Does your grant have a technology component?	No
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	English Language Arts (Secondary)
How many students will be involved in this	

grant?	500
Name of Grant	Leaders are Readers!

Project Information Continued

Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media.	"Leaders are Readers!" library provides young Allen Eagles with the opportunity to strengthen their reading, social emotional, and leadership skills!
How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit?	The "Leaders are Readers!" library books will focus specifically on the Be the ONE character trait of the month. We will purchase 2-3 copies of each book online. Each copy will have a "Purchased by Foundation for Allen Schools" sticker or book plate on the inside cover. Then each month our AHS PALs will prepare 1-2 lessons that utilize a book with a specific character trait and other age appropriate activities, skits and games that further support the social emotional learning. Our target population is K-6th grade students.
What is the problem, need or opportunity that this grant will address? Describe the impact of	In 2021-2022, Allen ISD has 450+ PAL (Peer Assistance and Leadership) students in 8th-12th grades that mentor over 1,000 students on 21 campuses. The 210 PALs at Allen High School individually mentor (virtually or in-person) approximately 800 K-9th grade students on a weekly basis for 25-30 minutes from October through May (approximately 23 weeks). The goal of the weekly mentoring sessions is to build a trusting relationship with a positive role model and increase self-esteem, interpersonal skills and social emotional skills. There is also a monthly mentoring focus on the nine Be the ONE character trait of the month (respect, self-discipline, citizenship, empathy, determination, healthy relationships, trustworthy, positive attitude and responsibility). Be the ONE is an initiative to link Allen ISD schools in their efforts towards service learning and character education. The goal of Be the ONE is to create positive gains in the value structure of the students, faculty, parents, and community. This year, the AHS PALs have utilized 35 children's books (purchased with a 2020 Foundation Grant) to

this project on your students.

facilitate the virtual mentoring storytime and lessons with a Be the One focus to over 300+ elementary classrooms. With the help of a 2021 grant to buy additional children's books and resources the "Leader are Readers" library, we would be able to purchase our own set of children's books that specifically focus on cultural awareness and competency, celebrations of culture and race, conflict resolution and leadership characteristics! This grant will enable approximately 250-300 elementary students to hear and see stories of how storybook characters experience life and utilize the Be the ONE leadership skills to grow, learn, overcome, explore and dream.

These same students will engage in conversations, activities, skits, and games that will help them to apply those same leadership skills in their own lives. And, just as there is every year, there will continue to be tremendous leadership and character growth in the 210 AHS PALs that not only lead and mentor but also learn through their own lessons!

Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Please provide 2 examples.

Allen ISD Graduate Profile (2 of 4 goals)
Responsible and Engaged Citizens: Students will demonstrate ethical and moral decision-making in the context of their local, national, and world community. They will also possess an awareness of community resources and understand the value of service to others. Effective Communicators: Students will be able to listen critically and speak articulately, will be able to resolve conflicts effectively and appropriately, will be able to understand and appreciate diverse individuals and cultures, will be able to exercise leadership qualities and will be able to communicate using advancing technology.
PAL TEKS (5) Self-Awareness/Esteem Skills:
In order to model good behavior, a student must understand who they are as individuals, and be able to foster a positive self-concept. This helps them refuse negative influence and make healthy decisions. The student is expected to: Live and demonstrate appropriate characteristics and skills Be proud of their good choices, show peers that you can still be fun and drug free Understand the importance of self-worth Be willing to improve and take

	<p>suggestions Make good choices even if it means standing alone Initiate and maintain friendly relationships with persons not necessarily in their social group.</p>
<p>Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems.</p>	<p>This grant for the "Leaders are Readers!" library will provide our PAL program with readily available books written by authors who write with a tremendous passion and purpose....to help us raise our younger Allen Eagles with self-confidence, determination, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, a cultural awareness and empathy!</p>
<p>What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?</p>	<p>September - purchase children's books for the "Leaders are Readers!" library and facilitate 8-week PAL curriculum and training in 15 AHS PAL classes. The PAL curriculum and training will include the study and life-application of the Be the ONE character traits, child development, and opportunities for PALs to create mentoring lessons that utilize the children's books from our new library, discussions and activities. October-May- The PALs will meet and begin weekly mentoring sessions with each of their elementary PALees. At least once a month, the PALs will utilize the "Leaders are Readers!" library in their mentoring sessions.</p>
<p>What teaching methods will be used to implement this project?</p>	<p>At the beginning of each month, AHS PAL teachers will model mentoring lesson ideas by reading the children's books to the AHS PAL class and guiding discussions and activities. Then AHS PALs will have the opportunity to collaborate with their peers in creating their own version of an age appropriate mentoring lesson that specifically addresses the needs of their PALees. AHS PALs will practice their lessons and then implement the lesson in one of the visits that month.</p>
<p>What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project?</p>	<p>"Leaders are Readers!" book and lesson plan implementation - feedback will be collected on the monthly PALee reports that each AHS PAL submits. The PALs will evaluate the effectiveness of reading the children's book and the lesson discussion and activities. Throughout the school year, the PAL will note</p>

any noticed growth in the students. The feedback will be used to revise and improve our lessons in the future.

Project Budget

Total Grant Budget Requested:	194.25
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Almost done!

	
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Project Budget Set Number 1

Question	Answer
Item Type	Instructional Supplies or Resources
List item to be purchased under item category:	The Best Me I Can Be Series, Teach Your Dragon About Diversity, Bippity Bop Barbershop, Kamala & Maya's Big Idea, Kamala Harris - Rooted in Justice, It's OK to Be Different, Skin Like Mine, Listening to My Body, My Magical Words, My Magical Choices, My Magical Gifts
Unit Cost	12.95
Quantity	15
Total cost of items in this category:	194.25