

Society of Indiana Pioneers Field Trip Grant Application

Overview

Researchers have found that field trips to historic sites offer significant educational benefits to students, empowering them to think critically about past events and apply the lessons to current problems. Yet dwindling school transportation budgets have made it difficult for teachers to plan learning experiences outside the classroom. To help meet demand, the Society of Indiana Pioneers annually awards up to 10 field trip grants of \$500 to History and Indiana Studies classes that would otherwise lack the means to travel. Preference is given to destinations related to the pioneer era in Indiana.

Deadlines

Applications are due by July 1 for the fall semester and January 1 for the spring semester. Funding decisions will be announced on August 1 and February 1.

Eligibility

Educators in Grades 4-12 may apply for a grant on behalf of any public, private, or charter school in Indiana. Funds are to be used exclusively for transportation, admission fees, or meal expenses related to the field trip.

Selection

The Society of Indiana Pioneers will evaluate applications based on:

- Applicant's description of the field trip and its objectives
- Overall student learning experience, not just during the trip but in preparation beforehand and in research projects completed after the experience
- Relevance to Indiana's pioneer era (1800-1850)
- Number of students who will benefit from the grant
- Financial need as evidenced by school system's free and reduced-price lunch percentage

If selected to receive a Field Trip Grant, the applicant's school will receive \$400 in advance of the trip and the balance upon submission of evidence of student learning (such as photographs, written report, or project).

Instructions:

Please complete the form below and email it by the application deadline to:
indianapioneers@gmail.com.

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Application Form

Educator's name: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

School name: _____

Grade level: _____

Number of students participating: _____

Proposed field trip destination: _____

Free and reduced-price lunch percentage (if applicable): _____

1. Please describe your proposed field experience.
2. Why did you choose this destination?
3. What pre-trip preparation do you plan to make the experience more meaningful?
4. How will students apply the field experience to future learning or research projects?