



# NASSIR S. LITTLE YOUTH FOUNDATION and the HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS GRANT



## ABOUT US

**HISTORY:** THE NASSIR S. LITTLE YOUTH FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED BY NBA PLAYER NASSIR S. LITTLE.

**MISSION:** THE NASSIR S. LITTLE YOUTH FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO SUPPORT YOUTH WHO ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH HONING THEIR "EXCEPTIONAL" TALENT IN AREAS OF EDUCATION, SPORTS, PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS.

**VISION:** ASSIST YOUTH IN REACHING THEIR DREAMS OF BECOMING THE BEST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TALENTS IN AREAS OF EDUCATION, SPORTS, PERFORMANCE AND VISUAL ARTS.

**PURPOSE:** AN INITIATIVE BY THE NASSIR S. LITTLE YOUTH FOUNDATION, THE "HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS" GRANT WAS CREATED WITH THE INTENT TO INSPIRE AND SUPPORT YOUTH TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING THEIR DREAMS BY FURTHERING THEIR ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC AND ATHLETIC TALENT.

## ELIGIBILITY

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE "HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS" GRANT, THE STUDENT MUST MEET **ALL** OF THE BELOW REQUIREMENTS:

- BE A CURRENT STUDENT AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:
  - OAKLEAF HIGH SCHOOL, ORANGE PARK, FL
  - WILLIAM RAINES SENIOR HIGH, JACKSONVILLE, FL
  - ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE FL
  - ORLANDO CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY, ORLANDO, FL
- BE IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 (**SCHOOL OFFICIAL MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE BOTTOM OF THE APPLICATION OR APPLICANT WILL BE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE**)
- PROVIDE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BY EITHER COACHES, TEACHERS, PROFESSORS, CULTURAL CRITICS AND/OR SPECIALISTS WITHIN THAT FIELD. APPLICANTS WILL BE INITIALLY ASSESSED VIA AN APPLICATION PROCESS. WHILE NO NEED FOR PROOF TO BE A PRODIGY, TALENT MUST BE SEEN AND NOTED BY THE SPECIALIST IN THE FIELD IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS APPLYING.
- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS SELECTION NOTICES, CERTIFICATIONS, NEWS ARTICLES, SAMPLES OF WORK, AWARD LETTERS, ETC.)
- HAVE A FAMILY INCOME OF LESS THAN 80K PER YEAR (WE MAY REQUEST FAMILY TO PROVIDE PROOF OF INCOME (EX. RECENT PAYSTUB AND/OR W2, AND/OR OFFICIAL LETTER FROM EMPLOYER, ETC.)
- COMPLETE **ALL** BLOCKS OF NSLYF FORM 01-2021 (HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS GRANT APPLICATION)
- EMAIL **ALL** REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION (APPLICATION, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SHOWING PROOF OF TALENT) TO [STAFF@NSLYF.ORG](mailto:STAFF@NSLYF.ORG)

## GRANT PERIOD

**OCTOBER 1ST: GRANTS ACCEPTED**

**DECEMBER 12TH: GRANT CLOSES AT 11:59 EST**

**DECEMBER 20TH: GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- ASSESSMENT WILL BE FOR THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE FAMILY BASED ON THE COST OF ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE CHOSEN AREA OF ACADEMICS, ART OR SPORT OF THE STUDENT.
- GRANT MAY NOT COVER THE ENTIRE EXPENSE AND, IF AWARDED, THE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHOSEN PROGRAM/COURSE. IF EQUIPMENT IS REQUESTED, IT WILL BE PURCHASED FROM AN ORGANIZATION OF THE NASSIR S. LITTLE YOUTH FOUNDATION'S CHOICE.
- ONCE AN APPLICANT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY AWARDED A PROGRAM GRANT, IT MUST BE USED WITHIN ONE YEAR.

**HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS GRANT APPLICATION**

DATE:

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

STUDENT FIRST NAME:

STUDENT LAST NAME:

PARENT/GUARDIAN FIRST NAME:

PARENT/GUARDIAN LAST NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER:

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL:

**PROGRAM/COURSE/TRAINING REQUESTED**

BUSINESS NAME:

POINT OF CONTACT:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

WEBSITE:

\*PROGRAM/COURSE/TRAINING DESCRIPTION (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, I.E. FLYERS, BROCHURES, COURSE INFO, ETC.):

TOTAL COST:

\*EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES DESCRIPTION (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (I.E. WEB LINKS/SALES FLYER/MODEL NUMBER ETC.):

TOTAL COST:

**\*GRANT MAY NOT COVER THE ENTIRE EXPENSE AND, IF AWARDED, THE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHOSEN PROGRAM/COURSE. IF EQUIPMENT IS REQUESTED, IT WILL BE PURCHASED FROM A VENDOR OF THE NASSIR S. LITTLE YOUTH FOUNDATION'S CHOICE.**

**HOW WILL THIS GRANT HELP YOU EXCEL IN YOUR TALENT? (MAX 250 WORDS)**



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SCHOOL:

NAME:

COUNTY:

PHONE:

I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT IS BETWEEN THE GRADES OF 9-12 AND IS A STUDENT AT THE ABOVE LISTED SCHOOL

EMAIL:

\_\_\_\_\_(SIGNATURE) \_\_\_\_\_(DATE)

**\*\*\* Email completed application, letter of recommendation and supporting documentation to [staff@nslyf.org](mailto:staff@nslyf.org) \*\*\***