



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1376

1. **Title of Project:** Academic Tourney

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Academic Tourney/Commissioner's Academic Challenge (CAC) the official state high school academic tournament for high-achieving students in grades 9 to12. [www.academic-challenge.org](http://www.academic-challenge.org)

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	51.72%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	130,000	44.83%
Other	10,000	3.45%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	132,738		111	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 150000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary - 50% of tournament director - provides for supervision of	43,981



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	all project activities	
Other Salary and Benefits	Stipends for teachers to be trained in specific tournament question formats and to develop question items	32,030
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	travel for approx. 40 teams and event staff to attend tournaments name badges and holders for attendees	60,689
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	technical services (equipment and labor during tournaments) approx. 33 sub days @ \$100 each for Polk County teachers who staff the tournaments	13,300
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

**a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**

To provide a highly academic high school competition to stretch our most accomplished students and provide a challenging, family-oriented experience and appropriate recognition. 2) To encourage broad participation and a unique experience among top peers by defraying costs for participating teams. 3) To sharpen skills for teachers and to challenge this promising student population.

**b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

1. Materials and training to educators that enable them to work with students in rigorous academically focused extra-curricular activities \*2. Training to teachers with subject-area expertise to write and review questions related to state curricular benchmarks in the subject areas of language arts, the fine arts, foreign language, the humanities, mathematics, science, social studies, health and PE, and technology 3. Production of electronic displays, graphic displays, audio components, and live performance to aid in the presentation of questions during the competition.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Grants will be provided for each school district's team to assist with the cost of student accommodation and registration costs. Local – individual district academic teams use materials developed by the Academic Tourney to prepare teams for local competition. Regional – district academic teams come together for pre-tournament scrimmages using materials developed by the Academic Tourney to prepare for state-level competition. Statewide – all 67 school districts are invited by The Commissioner to send a 6 member team to participate in the state competition in April to compete for the title of State Champion

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**



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High-achieving students in grades 9 – 12 from each school district. The project is expected to directly serve 350-375 students at the state tournament and indirectly serve an indeterminate number of students who participate in individual school, district and regional academic competitions throughout the year by providing participant school districts with materials and support for local competitions.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

Florida's high performing high school students benefit by exposure to rigorous and academically challenging curricular content aligned to our state standards and the award of academic scholarships. Annual Evaluation: 1. The tournament will recruit at least one additional participating district. 2. An increase of at least one district to receive writing training for academic content. 3. The tournament will determine what aspects of arrangements, communications, and actual events should be continued and/or expanded. 4. Participant surveys. 5. FDOE grant evaluation

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

If the contractor fails to meet and comply with the activities/deliverables established in the contract or to make appropriate progress on the activities and/or towards the deliverables and they are not resolved within two weeks of notification, the contract manager may approve a reduced payment or request the contractor redo the work or terminate the contract.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **County:** Polk
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  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
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