

LaSalle Canal Boat Field Trip Grant Program Application



Overview

The LaSalle Canal Boat Field Trip Grant Program, a grant initiative administered by the Canal Corridor Association, assists schools in Central and Northern Illinois in funding a field trip to the LaSalle Canal Boat.

Rules & Eligibility

Who is eligible? Administrators or teachers who are employed by an accredited Pre K-12 public, private, or charter school in Central or Northern Illinois are eligible to participate.

How are grant recipients selected?

Grants will be awarded on a first-received, first-funded basis. Grants are currently being awarded for the next two LaSalle Canal Boat Seasons, which run May-October each year.

What does the grant fund?

The grant helps fund a visit to the LaSalle Canal Boat, where students learn about the I&M Canal Corridor by experiencing actual travel on a mule-pulled canal boat, just like they did in 1848. This engaging and fun field trip includes a 10-minute Mule Tending 101 Class, where students learn about the mules that pull the LaSalle Canal Boat, and a 50-60 minute ride on the LaSalle Canal Boat, which is narrated by a period-dressed guide and crew. An optional, FREE 30-45 minute Cor-ten Steel Silhouette Walk is available. This FREE Cor-Ten Steel Silhouette Tour can introduce students to I&M Canal historical figures, including Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln, Wild Bill Hickok, Chief Shabbona and other notable characters and is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the I&M Canal and its history. (A GUIDED Silhouette Tour is also available for an additional fee). Estimated time on-site at the LaSalle Canal Boat is 2 hours (when the students also have lunch on-site, bringing their own sack lunch). Add an additional 30-45 minutes when the Silhouette Tour is added.

Is there a deadline?

There is no deadline for applications. Applications will be awarded on a first-received, first-funded basis until all grant funds are expended.

How do I apply?

Download the application from www.lasallecanalboat.org; request a copy of the application by sending an email to admin@iandmcanal.org or call 815-220-1848. Complete the application and return it via fax to Fax # 815-223-6129 or by mail to:

Attention: LaSalle Canal Boat Grant Program
LaSalle Canal Boat, 754 First Street, LaSalle, IL 61301

NOTE: Applicants will be notified of their award status in writing to their school address, by phone or by email. Funding is based on student income levels:

Tier 1: Low-Income Student Population - 50% and Over: \$150 in transportation costs, cost: \$0/student

Tier 2: Low-Income Student Population - 35-49%: \$150 in transportation costs, cost: \$2/student

Tier 3: Low-Income Student Population - 21-34%: \$150 in transportation costs, cost: \$5/student

Tier 4: Low-Income Student Population - 20% & Under: \$150 in transportation costs, cost: \$8/student

The Canal Corridor Association (CCA), a 501(c)3 non profit, preserves history, protects nature and open space, and creates destinations where people can learn and have fun in the I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor from Chicago to LaSalle/Peru and is designated by Congress as the local coordinating entity for the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, the nation's first national heritage corridor.
www.iandmcanal.org. The LaSalle Canal Boat and Lock 16 Center are owned and managed by the CCA.

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General Information

First Name: Last Name: Job Title:

Email Address: School Name:

% of Low Income Students:

Type of School (circle one): Elementary Middle/Jr High Secondary K-12

School Address: City/State/ZIP:

Phone: Fax:

Field Trip Information

The LaSalle Canal Boat is open April-October. Boat times are flexible to accommodate school schedules.

Preferred Date for Trip: Alternate Date(s) for Trip:

Preferred Time for Trip:

of Students Participating: # of Staff/Volunteers Participating:

What tier of funding are you applying for (circle one)?

Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Tier 4

Use of Funds

ALL schools, regardless of their tier level, are eligible for Transportation Reimbursement of up to \$150. You must request this Transportation Reimbursement in writing. It is not automatically awarded. Transportation costs may include time, miles, driver wages and/or fuel costs. ***You must attach a written cost estimate of transportation expenses.*** This estimate should be obtained from an authorized individual of the district's transportation department or from the contracted transportation department for the school district. *(Please indicate if there is more than one bus.)*

Total expected transportation cost:

Amount requested from the Canal Corridor Association (must not exceed \$150):

Verification & Certification

The following school administrator (principal or superintendent) is aware and supports this application for a field trip grant. If I am selected to receive a grant, this individual is prepared to provide verification of my eligibility and need for the grant.

Principal or Superintendent's Name (please print or type):

Phone: Email Address:

Principal or Superintendent's Signature:

Please read the following and sign below. Your signature certifies that you agree to the terms stated below.

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected to be a recipient, I give permission to the Canal Corridor Association to use my name and information for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

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