

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization:	SWEAAT, Incorporated
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name	Michael
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Last Name	Webb
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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

First Name	Robert
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Last Name	Newman
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Title:	Board Member
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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area:	SWEAAT Incorporated/MLK Tournament
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Amount Requested	\$24,000
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Total Organizational budget (for current year):	90000
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Total Project/Program Budget: \$63,210

Dates covered by this budget: 8/1/2016 through 7/31/2017

Project/Program Name: MLK Tournament/SWEAAT Incorporated

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

We hope the future of SWEAAT, Incorporated, is long and results driven. Specifically, we hope to partner with organizations such as yours to annually fund our program and the many events we hope to sponsor. SWEAAT is an acronym for Students Working to Excel in Academics, Athletics and Technology. SWEAAT's mission is to help close the gap for at risk students as they strive to improve their academic skills and become caring and competent citizens in the 21st century. Our goal is to provide students with a quality learning experience that will lead them to engage in problem solving, become self-reliant logical thinkers, and exhibit positive teamwork and interpersonal skills. SWEAAT strives hard to support the many countless endeavors that help at risk youth in our community. The History of the MLK Invitational Tournament "To provide recreational pleasure through athletic competition for at risk young men and women in the inner city and to represent athletic success with emphasis placed on academic excellence." These few words summarize the primary objective of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational Basketball tournament is symbolic of its namesake, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whose philosophy was "Living the Dream." Therefore, in living the dream to help youngsters, the late Lloyd Williams of Hamilton High School and Vertis Sails of Melrose High School organized the tournament. Participating high schools were Carver, Douglas, Hamilton, Lester, Melrose, Mitchell, Northside, Southside, and Booker T. Washington. Carrying the torch today is Coach Robert Newman of Melrose High School who has struggled, with limited resources, to keep the dream alive. Thanks to community support, the tournament continues to grow and serve young people! The first basketball tournament was held in December, 1971, and the winner was Northside High School coached by Marion Brewer at Melrose

high School. Hamilton High became the host school in 1992. Coaches in attendance were Marion Brewer of Northside High School, Ed. Thornton of Carver High School, Tim Morgan of Mitchell Road High School, Jake Peacock of Lester High School, and William "Bill" Little of Booker T. Washington High School. Melrose High School was the site of the tournament until 1992 in which time Hamilton High School became the host school. Prior to the creation of the MLK Invitational Tournament, inner city youth (as a group) were denied the opportunity to participate in other Memphis and Mid-South Area Tournaments. Today, the tournament is viewed as one of the most competitive tournaments in the United States. In 2015, there were a total of 64 participating teams. Coaches from across the country come to Memphis to scout potential college basketball players. Being observed by these coaches is a once in a lifetime occurrence for most of these players. Young ladies began participating in the tournament in 1993 and the middle schools began participating in 2009. 2016 marks the 46th year for the tournament. SWEAAT, Incorporated, partnered with the tournament's directors in 2014.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

We hope the future of SWEAAT, Incorporated is long and results driven. Specifically, we hope to partner with organizations to annually fund the program. If and when this occurs, we plan to expand the after school program to various schools in the Memphis and Shelby County area. These after school programs will include language arts, reading, science, math, and technology. Also, a teen mentoring program will be include to deal with decision making, peer pressure, bullying, and all other issues that middle schools students face.

Numbers of paid full-time staff: 0

Number of paid part-time staff: 50

Number of volunteers: 10

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

“To provide recreational pleasure through athletic competition for at risk young men and women in the inner city and to represent athletic success with emphasis placed on academic excellence.” These few words summarize the primary objective of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament. The tournament will serve over 960 at risk youth through out the city. SWEAAT, Incorporated’s mission is to help students as they strive to improve their academic skills and become caring and competent citizens in the 21st century. Our goal is to provide students with a quality learning experience that will lead them to engage in problem solving, become self-reliant logical thinkers, and exhibit positive teamwork and interpersonal skills.

General Operating Support

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

46th Annual MLK Invitational Tournament Tentative 2016
Budget 1.Total Teams 64 2.Total Out of Town Teams 6
3.Scholarships 10 = \$10,000.00 4.T-Shirts 16 Teams x 320
Shirts= \$2,560.00 5.Coach’s Shirts 64=\$700.00 6.Staff Shirts
Polo 60=\$650.00 7.Championship Rings 8= \$2,000.00
8.Trophies \$900.00 9.Hospitality \$3,400.00 10. Staff Pay (50-
60) \$9,500.00 11. Referees/Officials \$15,000.00 12. Security
\$6,500.00 13. Marketing \$1,000.00 14. Hotel+Meals (Out of
Town Teams) \$7,000.00 15. Gym Rental \$4,000.00 Grand
Total = \$63,210.00

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

We are dedicated to serving the young people of the Memphis and Shelby County communities in life sustaining ways. Athletics is good, but we understand that these young people are students first. Therefore, as educators and leaders, it is up to us to encourage and assist in developing these young minds to ensure that they become productive and independent.

How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

Mission Statement SWEAAT, Incorporated’s mission is to help students as they strive to improve their academic skills and become caring and competent citizens in the 21st century. Our goal is to provide students with a quality learning experience that will lead them to engage in problem solving, become self-reliant logical thinkers, and exhibit positive teamwork and interpersonal skills. We are dedicated to serving the young

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

Program Objectives Teachers will coach students in scientific inquiry and direct them to deeper levels of understanding. Students will be involved daily in tackling real-world issues through exploration and problem-solving experiences. These actions will help them improve their critical thinking and problem solving skills and increase their overall enthusiasm for learning. The goal is to produce successful self-directed learners who are equipped with strong reading, math, critical thinking, communication and social skills. The main objectives include: 1. Students will be able to apply prior knowledge, problem solving, and subject area content to address real social, economic and environmental situations in their local and extended communities. 2. Students will be provided with an engaging environment that is risk-free and where mistakes are treated as good methods of learning. 3. Students will learn to view technology as any tool used to make life easier and better. 4. Staff will provide students with opportunities to learn and practice successful team behaviors and personal interaction skills. 5. Staff will facilitate the learning process for students from clearly identifying a problem to creating and developing solutions in both academic and social settings.

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
 2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.
 3. Complete Budget for grant request
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If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations

2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.

3. Complete Budget for grant request

File 1 [501 c 3.pdf](#)

File 2 [990 2015 752016.pdf](#)

File 3 [MLK budget.doc](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Michael Webb

Printed Name: Michael Webb

Date 8/8/2016
