

Bus Scholarship Application Draft

The Bus Scholarship Fund is a community engagement initiative funded by donations and designed to provide financial assistance to schools planning field trips to Whitney Plantation. Recognizing the importance of experiential learning and the unique educational opportunities, this fund will help remove financial barriers that may prevent students from experiencing this opportunity.

About Whitney Plantation

Whitney Plantation is dedicated to educating students about the history of slavery in America. It offers immersive tours that provide insight into the lives of enslaved people, their resilience, and their cultural impact on society. By visiting Whitney Plantation, students gain a profound understanding of this important chapter in American history, fostering empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper connection to the past.

Purpose of the Bus Scholarship Fund

The primary goal of the Bus Scholarship Fund is to support schools in providing their students with the opportunity to engage in this valuable educational experience. The fund offers financial assistance for transportation costs, where schools will be reimbursed 50% of the transportation cost, making it easier for schools to organize trips to Whitney Plantation. Every student deserves to learn about our nation's history firsthand.

Who Can Apply/Eligibility

This scholarship is available to public and private schools/organizations that serve students of all backgrounds with eligibility of free/reduced lunch schools, and/or schools that participate in Community Eligibility Programs (CEP).

Application Process

- Schools interested in applying for the **Bus Scholarship Fund** can complete the application outlining the details of the planned field trip, the educational value of the visit, and the financial need. **Proof of financial need* document(s) will be required.**

- Once the application is approved, the contact person listed on the application will be notified via email. Additionally, you will be required to provide a copy of the transportation invoice paid in full and you will be reimbursed 50% of the pay through a check written out to your school.
- Applications should be submitted at least 2 months before the field trip date.

Contact Information

For more information on the scholarship application process, eligibility requirements, and deadlines, please contact education@whitneyplantation.org.

Thank you for your interest in the Bus Scholarship Fund!

Bus Scholarship Application Criteria for Schools

- **One visit per year**
- **Proof of financial need***
- **Travel within 60 miles**
- **Covers 50% of transportation costs**

***A letter from the school principal confirming whether the school is eligible for the free and reduced lunch program,**

or

A copy of the school district's confirmation that the school participates in the Community Eligibility Provision,

or

Details about how many students receive free and reduced lunch.

Bus Scholarship Application for Schools

School Information
School Name:
Address:
Contact Person:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Trip Details
Destination: From: To: Mileage both ways:
Date of Trip:
Purpose of Trip:
Number of Students Participating:
Grade Level(s):
Cost of Transportation:
Financial Need Statement
Please provide a brief statement explaining the school's financial need for this scholarship. Include any details about budget constraints or funding limitations that affect the ability to cover the transportation costs. Also, attach at least one document proving the financial need. (Refer to "Proof of Financial Need" for acceptable documents)

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Educational Value

Explain how this field trip aligns with the curriculum and how it will benefit students' learning experiences.

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Signatures and Verification

By signing below, I affirm that the information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Teacher:

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Date:

Signature of Authorized School Official:

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Date:

Submission Instructions:

Please submit your completed application by [insert deadline] to education@whitneyplantation.org. If you have any questions, contact us at education@whitneyplantation.org.

Thank you for your application!