

## 2005 Field of Interest Competitive Grant Fund Awards

### Dr. William R. Bosien Fund

Dr. William R. Bosien Fund grants support projects to enhance patient care in the hospital and in the community. Funding may be provided to enhance the availability of medical care for those in the community who otherwise could not afford that care. The fund may sponsor programs by recognized authorities designed to educate the general public on healthcare subjects.

Saluda Medical Center	Part-time nurse position	\$3,600
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### Paul Culbertson Agricultural Development Fund

The Culbertson program provides funding for “agricultural development”, defined as those projects which promote the development of crops, livestock, environment and related industries.

Polk County Public Schools	To purchase land for a school and community farm	\$3,300
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### The REACH Fund

The REACH Fund is a non-endowed fund that was established at the Polk County Community Foundation in 2002 by anonymous donors who wish to provide deserving Polk County students (rising 4<sup>th</sup> – rising 12<sup>th</sup> grade) with opportunities to help them reach their potential and develop their talents. The ideal candidate is a capable student who would benefit enormously from the boost of an extracurricular educational opportunity. Teachers may request funds for students to develop their talents for leadership, poetry, writing, music, art, science, general academics, sports or the like. The program or activity selected should help the student to reach new heights in the chosen activity and to open new worlds to the student. The activity may be an overnight camp, a day camp, lessons, an opportunity to travel with a group of students with similar talents on a program developing or demonstrating these talents or the like. This fund is meant to reach students who are unable to fund such experiences, but who will value such experiences.

Sonia Dixon	NC Summer Institute for Choral Art for Children	\$ 375
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### Priscilla & Ellis D. Slater Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Priscilla & Ellis D. Slater Excellence in Teaching Awards program intends to strengthen the public school system within the Polk County and Landrum communities by encouraging professional growth and development of local classroom teachers.

The Slater Awards encourage classroom teachers to participate in opportunities to develop their skills and utilize innovative teaching techniques in the classroom by funding travel experiences which relate to the subjects they teach, attendance at conferences or institutions, work on advanced degrees, and other broadening projects. The proposed project should be applicable to the improvement of the instruction of our community's students.

Jennifer Allsbrook	Coursework towards Master's Degree in Life Sciences	\$ 2,202
Denise Corcoran and Krista Crosby	Alaska's Coastal Wilderness Expedition	\$ 6,000
Melissa Gillespie, Tanya Ledford and Kristi Luther	2005 Southeastern International Reading Association Regional Conference in New Orleans, LA	\$ 1,991
John McIntyre	Jewish Heritage Expedition	\$ 1,000
William Thomas Pack	Coursework towards Master's Degree in Education	\$ 2,520
Tara Sargent	Coursework towards Master's Degree in Early Childhood	\$ 4,000
Anne Way	NC Museum of Natural Sciences Educators of Excellence Program to Belize	\$ 1,326
Kathy Wheaton	Coursework towards Master's Degree in Educational Media	\$ 1,773
	TOTAL:	\$ 20,812

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### The Authur M. and Frances H. Wilhelm Fund

An anonymous donor established the Wilhelm Fund at the Polk County Community Foundation in 2003. The purpose of the Wilhelm Fund is to provide an opportunity for local nonprofit organizations to receive supporting funds for on-going successful programs. In order to be considered for these funds, programs must have been in existence for a minimum of three years and have documentation available demonstrating the success of the program. These grants are for operating expenses, which may include salaries, materials, and advertising.

One of the goals of this fund is to encourage organizations to inform the public about their successful ongoing programs so that community members will be aware of the need to provide operating support for ongoing programs. To accomplish this goal, organizations that submit previously published news articles will be given preference for Wilhelm grants. In addition, the required essay question in the application should be in a form suitable for publication in an easily accessible public forum.

Organizations are encouraged to apply for funds to support their programs from any other available sources and may choose to use a Wilhelm grant as an opportunity to receive matching funds from the community.

Children's Theater Festival	Super Saturday	\$2,200
Polk County Partnership for Children	Annual Polk County Children's Fair	\$1,000
TubaChristmas	TubaChristmas VIII	<u>\$ 500</u>
	TOTAL:	\$3,700