

PowerUP Jax Fall 2016 Grant Winner

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Subject/Grade: 5th grade males
Project Title: Young Gentlemen Group of Kings Trail Elementary

Summary of Project:

I am extremely excited that you are reading this request. I think that after you finish perusing the contents of this letter, you will agree that this endeavor is a worthwhile cause. This year I will invest my time and resources in organizing and working with the Young Gentlemen Group of Kings Trail Elementary. This group will consist of fifth grade males. This group was founded by an educator and author Vincent Taylor almost 20 years ago. His ultimate goal of the Young Gentlemen Group was to ensure that the participants of this club will be productive members of society. The core values of this 5th grade male initiative consist of three basic concepts: 1) academic achievement 2) respecting self and others 3) becoming humanitarians within the community. To accomplish the groups' core values, students' academics will be monitored weekly. The expectation is for students to show academic achievement through accomplishing and/or maintaining learning gains. They will also be required to have excellent weekly conduct grades. Additionally, the Young Gentlemen Group will complete a community service project monthly. This group of young male students will also be exposed to the arts and cultural events available in the city. Many of the students have not been exposed to sporting events, musical presentations, or museums. It is my intention to provide opportunities for them to experience these sort of events. The group will embody being on one accord in thought, practice, and attire; therefore, on Wednesdays, we will wear our signature white shirt and tie. We will also wear the white shirt and tie combination when we attend events that are more formal. The KTE Young Gentlemen Group will also participate in etiquette training. When we are doing community service or enjoying sporting events, we will have on Young Gentleman Club T-shirts. I have estimated that I will need \$5000 to effectively sponsor this program. This cost includes expenses such as uniform clothing, admission to cultural and recreational events, transportation, and miscellaneous supplies for community service efforts. Funds received from this grant will be used to purchase uniform clothing. I am seeking companies/organizations to support our goal, core values and take an active part on our team.

How many students will be directly involved? Explain any further impact on other students, teachers, the school as a whole, and/or the community.

There will be 10 students directly involved. These young males will be leading by example. Their poise and disposition will encourage others to want to join. Teachers will notice a greater focus and improvement in the students' academics and behavioral progression. The school will benefit from the recognition these young gentlemen will receive while participating in community service project and attending various events in the city.

How will the project specifically increase student learning? Be sure to explain the project's connections to existing learning standards. Be clear about what new skills, knowledge, and/or dispositions the students will acquire.

This project will increase student learning by causing the participants to gain a greater respect for their academic and behavioral progression. Members must exhibit academic learning gains and excellent behavior to remain in the group. Etiquette training will be provided to the members. This training is an essential skill to have when attending theatrical and cultural events they will experience.

What is your plan for evaluating the success of your project? What artifacts (photographs, samples of student work, testimonials, etc...) would you use to demonstrate the effectiveness of the project?

Monitoring for effectiveness is essential to the success of this mentoring initiative. Monday Motivation meetings will occur to remind the participants about the high expectations of the program. There will always be photographs to capture each venture. These escapades will also be placed on the school's website. Every Friday, the students will have to submit a progress report to the sponsor for review. As sponsor, I will share their success with as many media outlets that are willing to publish it.