What is the Burroughs-Holland/Bicentennial Education and Scholarship Grant?

One of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s [“Trail Foundation”] missions is to support scholarly research and education about all aspects of the Corps of Discovery, their expedition, and the Native American people who helped them, and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Every year, the Trail Foundation’s Education and Scholarship Committee offers small grants for projects that directly benefit K-12 education and/or scholarly research in topics related directly to these goals and to the original grant sponsors’ intentions.

The Burroughs-Holland/Bicentennial Education and Scholarship Grants come from three different sponsors and their grant programs; in 2015 these three grants were merged into one program:

1. the Raymond Darwin “Dar” Burroughs Fund for youth and education
2. monies from the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council for education
3. the Leandra Zim Holland fund for research topics of interest to Holland, the author of Feasting and Fasting with Lewis & Clark: A Food and Social History of the early 1800s [, i.e., food, medicine and and nutrition, native relations, food history of the West, spiritual values linking Western systems with Native American values].

Preference may be given to:

- those projects specifically related to the goals of the original intent of the Burroughs, Holland and/or Bicentennial funds
- those projects that will “teach the teachers,” build sustainability, or take children outdoors and onto the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- those projects that increase the scope of the work with the participation of partners and/or guarantee matching funds

Who can apply for a Burroughs-Holland /Bicentennial Education and Scholarship grant?

- Non-profit [501(c)] organizations with a mission statement, goals and objectives similar to those of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and/or the specific fund goals [youth, education, scholarship] such as:
  --heritage organizations/facilities, tribal cultural centers
  --youth organizations [i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, Boys and Girls Club]
  --friends’ organizations for libraries, state/federal/county parks, wildlife refuges, and etc.
  --schools

- Individual scholars researching a topic outlined in the grant objectives
- Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation chapters.

What kind of projects might be funded?
Examples of fundable education-type projects include:

- brochures, videos, apps., activity books, games and other hands-on learning tools
- activities giving youth [K-12] the opportunity to experience the story and/or the Trail, or a related site [grave site, birthplace, botanical garden, wildlife refuge, Native American cultural center]
- activities that promote recreation/education activities for youth along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- activities giving youth the opportunity to engage in Corps-related activities such as journal-keeping, mapmaking, the arts [music, drawing], sciences, natural history
- organizing and implementing a seminar, encampment, community program, outdoor activity to promote the story, the Trail and/or a related topic

Examples of fundable scholarship/research include:

- research to aid in the implementing of an educational projects [i.e., above]
- research designed to bring new information, scholarship, discussion, insight, and etc. to the stories of the Corps of Discovery, the tribal people who welcomed the Corps to their homelands, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, or Corps-related sites
- costs associated with the acquisition of reference materials, artwork, maps
- travel to a site, library, etc. to access original source materials, or to an individual for interviews
- tools specifically necessary for the research work.

How much money is available?

The funds to support this grant program come from earnings from the endowed funds in the Burroughs-Holland/Bicentennial Education Fund. At this time, the minimum grant is $500; the maximum is $1,000.

Must we have a partner or matching funds?

It is not necessary to have a partnership or matching funds, but it is helpful. Any partnership must be relevant to the topic or the site, and of a serious and contributory nature. A one-page letter of support from the project partner, on the partner’s letterhead, detailing that support must be attached to the grant application.

When is the application deadline, and what is the subsequent timeline?

The application deadline is October 1. The Education and Scholarship Committee will complete their review of the grant applications and make their recommendations by December 1. The Committee will notify the applicants by December 31. At that time, the Trail Foundation and the recipient will sign a grant contract. The recipient will agree to comply with all reporting required in the grant process, including an end-of-project report. It will also detail any grant of permission to publish results and/or photographs in the Trail Foundation’s publications and websites. If these conditions are not met, the recipient will return the grant funds.
Grant recipients will have one year to complete the project. At the end of the year, the recipient will provide the Trail Foundation with a written report, an accounting of the funds, and pertinent visual materials.

Upon receipt of a written/e-mail request from the original recipient, a no-cost time extensions may be considered by the awarding committee. The maximum extension will be an additional 12 months from the day of the initial grant’s intended completion.

How do we acknowledge the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s support of our project in all the materials produced as a part of the grant?

Depending on the project, the grant recipient can acknowledge the Trail Foundation’s support by stating “____________ [recipient’s name] gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s Burroughs-Holland/Bicentennial Education Fund for _____________ [project name] in one or more of the following ways:

- an acknowledgement at the start/end of a published article or on the front piece of the book
- a statement in any publicity [i.e., press releases] re: the project, it’s implementation, open house, kick-off, ground-breaking, etc.
- an acknowledgement in any printed materials [posters, brochures, trail guides] or on the lead-in to a video, movie, game, app, etc.
- recognition on a list of project sponsors
- a link to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s website: www.lewisandclark.org

Recipients will provide examples of this acknowledgement in the end-of-the project report.

If it is appropriate, recipients will provide the Trail Foundation with two copies of any materials produced [video, game, journal article, book, etc.]. One copy will be placed in the library and the other used as review material in We Proceeded On, the Trail Foundation’s quarterly journal.