Winnick Family Foundation Funds New Field-Trip Grants for Student Visits to the Lincoln Presidential Museum

New grants to offset transportation costs for educational field trips.

LOS ANGELES CA – June 9, 2010 – The Winnick Family Foundation has provided new field-trip grants to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. The new grants will offset transportation costs for educational field trips to the museum in Springfield, Illinois. Applications for the new funds, made directly from the Lincoln Museum, are due September 1 from teachers nationwide at schools with high enrollments of students from low-income families.

Gary Winnick stated, “The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is just five years old but already one of the most popular cultural venues in the country, educating millions about the life of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War. We are pleased to make this educational institution even more accessible, particularly for those schools and school districts where funds for field trips are scarce.”

The museum has received accolades from museum designers and historians for its use of modern technology, theatrics, and high-fidelity figures to tell the Lincoln story.

Said T. Tolbert Chisum, CEO of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation: “This generous grant from the Winnick Family Foundation makes it possible for students from across the nation to achieve this innovative learning experience and become acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, perhaps our finest president.”

To apply for a transportation grant, visit:


Winnick grant awards will be announced beginning October 1. For more information on grants, call Randy Wiseman at 217-558-9016 or contact randy.wiseman@illinois.gov by e-mail.

About the Winnick Family Foundation

The Winnick Family Foundation encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
Karen and Gary Winnick and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick’s alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick’s alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick’s late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.’s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah’s Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children’s Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com on the Web.
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