



2017 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM GRANT DESCRIPTIONS

The following organizations and programs have been chosen to receive funding from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Educational Programs throughout the next year.

** new support for 2017*

AFA

The AFA (formerly the American Festival for the Arts) Year-Round Programming and Summer Music Conservatory partners with schools to offer music education programs for youth in the Houston area. The Scholarship Enrichment Fund provides assistance and transportation support to applicants in all AFA programs.

Alley Theatre

The Alley Theatre's Educational and Community Engagement Programs serve more than 100,000 students, teachers and families each year. Show funds help underwrite student admission to Student Matinees and School Nights, introducing the magic, power and excitement of theater to students of all ages.

***Archway Academy**

Archway Academy provides a sober learning environment for high school students who are recovering from substance abuse and mental health issues. As one of only three recovery high schools in Texas, Archway serves more than 130 students every year.

Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation's primary goal is to increase literacy rates among people of all ages in Houston. The foundation is dedicated to raising awareness of the value of literacy and to mobilizing available area resources. The Show's support will help expand the connect4literacy.org system, connecting volunteers to Houston's literacy programs.

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists

BRASS promotes excellence in biomedical research by providing scholarship and research funding to bright young scientists enrolled in the Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

***Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star**

BBBS creates and sustains meaningful matches between adult volunteers, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, who serve as positive adult role models to children facing adversity, their Little Brothers and Little Sisters. Support from the Show will allow BBBS to deliver one-on-one mentoring to more than 2,000 students during the 2016-2017 school year.

Books Between Kids

Books Between Kids gathers donated books and distributes them each May to more than 25,000 students in the Houston area. Children are able to attend a book selection fair at their schools, and each child chooses six books of interest. The books are for the children to own and take home, building their personal libraries. Show volunteers also provided more than 30,000 books to the program last year.

Borderlands Research Institute – Sul Ross State University

Students hired from the Wildlife Research and Management Mentorship Program work on various research and management projects conducted by the Sul Ross State University Borderlands Research Institute to help conserve the natural resources of the Chihuahuan Desert Borderlands.

Breakthrough Houston

Breakthrough Houston provides tuition-free, academic enrichment and college preparatory programming to underserved students, seventh through 12th grades, in the Greater Houston area.

Brookwood Community

The Brookwood Community, located in Brookshire, Texas, provides an educational environment that creates meaningful jobs, builds a sense of belonging, and fosters dignity and respect for adults with disabilities. The Brookwood Community

receives year-round support from the Show, as well as exhibit space during the event for community residents to sell their hand-made products.

Camp For All

Camp For All is a barrier-free camp, working in partnership with 56 other nonprofit organizations and institutions, to provide children and teenagers with illnesses and/or special needs a unique camp experience. Funding supports the Equestrian Program, which provides recreational, educational and therapeutic benefits to people of all abilities.

The Center for Hearing and Speech

The Center for Hearing and Speech Melinda Webb School allows deaf and hearing-impaired children the chance to experience an average childhood in a mainstream school. The school teaches deaf children, ages 18 months through 6 years, to listen, speak, and read by the time they enter first grade.

Children's Museum of Houston

The Children's Museum of Houston's Kidtropolis is a child-sized city that teaches visitors lessons about civic engagement and the works of government, communications, economics and businesses. Show funding supports the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Vet Clinic, a hands-on area that teaches children about the care and treatment of both small and large animals.

Comp-U-Dopt

Comp-U-Dopt's mission is to provide computers and computer education to children in Houston who do not have regular access to the technology. It is comprised of three separate programs: Computer Adoption, Learn to Earn and an after-school program.

Crime Stoppers of Houston

The Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe School Program is a proactive crime-prevention and public-safety tool in public and private schools across the city. Students are trained on issues concerning public safety, security of their school campuses and citizenship.

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston provides demanding college prep curriculum to students who are living at or below the federal poverty line. Students attend class four days a week and a work-study program one day a week in an entry level position at many of Houston's top companies and organizations. One hundred percent of its graduates, the classes of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 were accepted to a college before their high school graduation.

ESCAPE Family Resource Center

ESCAPE Family Resource Center's primary goal is to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in the Greater Houston area. The Center offers 11 curriculum-based child abuse prevention programs, one home visitation program for families, and numerous trainings for professionals and other individuals who work with children.

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Show funding supports Girl Scouting in the School Day, which allows girls to discover a wide variety of interests while developing their leadership capacity to make a difference in the world and in the community.

Glassell School of Art

The Houston Museum of Fine Art's Glassell School of Art summer workshops offer a variety of programs for eligible students, kindergarten through high school, who participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program. Students are able to showcase their work at school exhibitions.

Greater Houston Partnership – Opportunity Houston 2.0

Greater Houston Partnership – Opportunity Houston 2.0 is an initiative to help ensure continued job growth and capital, as well as foreign investment growth within the Houston area.

H.E.A.R.T — Housing, Entrepreneurship and Readiness Training

Housing, Entrepreneurship and Readiness Training is an educational and job-training program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. H.E.A.R.T. prepares trainees for work by covering areas such as product inventory, shipping and receiving, and customer service. Participants work in the community at various organizations and venues, including NRG Stadium.

Harris County Hospital District Foundation

The Harris County Hospital District Foundation raises funds and public support for Harris Health System programs and services. The Show's funding supports the Shattered Dreams program, which dramatizes alcohol-related car accidents to help educate high school students on the deadly consequences of driving under the influence. This year the foundation will add a new segment to the program covering the topic of distracted driving with a focus on the dangers of texting while driving.

The Hobby Center Foundation

The Hobby Center Foundation Discovery Series is an arts education community partnership that provides an opportunity for teachers and students to experience the arts outside of the classroom in a Downtown Theater District venue.

Houston Area Women's Center

The Houston Area Women's Center is a safe haven for individuals affected by domestic or sexual violence, and includes shelter, counseling, and advocacy for all involved. The Show's support helps fund the center's Sunshine Learning Center, which provides a safe and nurturing learning environment for children between the ages of 3 months and 9 years, living at the shelter.

Houston Ballet Foundation

Houston Ballet Foundation Education and Community Outreach Initiatives bring first-grade through 12th-grade students into Houston Ballet's studios, as well as offer programs that go directly into schools and community facilities to educate and inspire students.

Houston Grand Opera

Houston Grand Opera's educational outreach programs, HGOco, are Student Performance Series; OPERA TO GO!, a touring performance of children's opera; and Story Book Opera, an educational outreach enhanced with curriculum materials and teacher workshops.

Houston Hispanic Forum

The Houston Hispanic Forum Career and Education Day's mission is to reduce the dropout rate among Hispanic students and provide assistance to students and families as they pursue educational and career goals. In 2016, more than 13,000 students from 58 school districts attended the event with their families, counselors and/or teachers.

Houston SPCA

Show funding supports the Houston SPCA and Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences partnership, which offers fourth-year veterinary students the opportunity to work side by side with Houston SPCA veterinarians. Students learn about a variety of conditions, diseases, disorders, injuries and treatment needs that affect diverse species of animals.

Houston Symphony

The Houston Symphony provides admission to concerts for elementary and middle school students, teacher training and supplemental classroom materials. These programs serve more than 50,000 students from 22 Houston-area school districts.

***iWrite**

iWrite inspires kids to write their own stories and provides publishing and leadership opportunities to youth. Since reading and writing go hand-in-hand, iWrite encourages readers to use their imagination and communicate through the written word.

***KIPP Houston**

KIPP Houston's mission is to provide underserved students with the academic and character foundation to succeed at all levels of PreK-12 education, college and the competitive world beyond. As a public charter school, KIPP Houston served more than 12,500 Houston students last year.

Medilife Houston

Through Medilife Houston, members of the Houston Fire Department Public Affairs and Educational Division attend approximately 1,500 events each year, offering educational and community events support. The vision of the organization is to continue supporting fire and community initiatives by purchasing equipment and other items that do not normally fall under the HFD operating and community support budget.

Memorial Park Conservancy

Master- and undergraduate-level students from the Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences will serve in research positions to study current park use related to ecology, natural resources, progressive recreation and cultural heritage.

Miracle Farm

Miracle Farm's core residential program serves as an intervention and preventive measure for at-risk teenage boys. These young men attend an on-campus charter school, receive vocational training, and engage in horsemanship, and ranch and range management.

NASA – Texas Aerospace Scholars

NASA – Texas Aerospace Scholars is a unique partnership created by the state of Texas and the Johnson Space Center to encourage Texas youth to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics degrees and careers. Programs are offered to high school and community college students, as well as middle school educators.

Neighborhood Centers

Neighborhood Centers offers a summer job program for youth, ages 16-21, placing them in local nonprofit and government agencies throughout the Houston community. Show funding supports an initiative Neighborhood Centers has implemented to strengthen the workforce readiness skills of these students and provide them with training in leadership and planning, to prepare them for their roles throughout the summer.

Neuhaus Education Center

Funding supports the Neuhaus Education Center Partners in Literacy Reform, a partnership among the center, HISD, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, focused on literacy throughout pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade years. Show funding supports the coaching phase of the program and the administering of the Early Literacy Quick Assessment Tool for teachers.

***Prairie View A&M University**

The Prairie View A&M – ISD Partnership Initiative is designed to provide college access to high school graduates in school districts in Harris and surrounding counties. Show funding will help PVAMU to offer scholarships to students in select ISD's in Harris and surrounding counties.

Project GRAD Houston

Project GRAD Houston supports high school and college students by delivering the tools and resources necessary for students to prepare for, enroll in and succeed in college. Show funding helps Project GRAD enroll more than 500 new Project GRAD scholars each year.

Reasoning Mind

Reasoning Mind addresses the three most pressing problems in kindergarten through 12th-grade education: human capital, curriculum quality and student engagement. It is an online system that adjusts the level of instruction based on each student's learning level and interest in mathematics. Currently, more than 14,000 second through sixth-grade students in the Houston area are enrolled.

The Rise School of Houston

The Rise School of Houston is dedicated to the early education of infants, toddlers and pre-school children born with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The Rise School prepares these children for a successful kindergarten through 12th-grade experience, and for life.

Schreiner University – Western Art Academy Workshop

The Museum of Western Art provides Schreiner University – Western Art Academy Workshop scholarships to 48 students who participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program each year. These scholarships allow high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to learn traditional Western art techniques from practicing professional artists.

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Houston and Galveston

Shriners Hospitals for Children provide high-quality care to children with neuro-musculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative-care environment.

SIRE Therapeutic Horsemanship

SIRE seeks to improve the quality of life for those with special needs through therapeutic horsemanship activities, therapies and educational outreach.

Small Steps Nurturing Center

Small Steps Nurturing Center operates two preschools for children ages 2 to 6 who live in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth wards of Houston. The schools offer a Christian environment, transportation to and from school, nutritional meals, and counseling to students. The school requires parents to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per school year.

Spring ISD Elementary Reading Program

Funding for the Spring Elementary Reading Program provides a trainer who supports reading programs in select elementary schools in the Spring ISD.

Teach for America – Houston

Teach for America recruits outstanding recent college graduates to commit two years to teach in urban and rural areas and become lifelong leaders in pursuing educational excellence and equality. Funding for this program allows Teach for America to continue to grow the talent pool, meeting the goal of strategically placing 500 members into Houston-area schools during the next two years.

Texas 4-H

State 4-H Congress

State 4-H Congress is a five-day, simulated legislative experience for 4-H members 15 to 18 years old. Approximately 350 members from all geographic and program areas of the Texas 4-H program use the Texas Capitol in Austin during July to submit, debate and pass bills dealing with subjects of concern to 4-H members.

State 4-H Leadership Conference

The State 4-H Leadership Conference is a citizenship experience to Washington, District of Columbia, for up to 31 Texas 4-H members who have excelled in their record-keeping skills and have been awarded first place for their record books.

Striving for Leadership

These funds support 33 students, elected by their peers to the Texas 4-H Council, who will plan and teach leadership workshops for 85 district-level 4-H officers. District officers represent the 12 extension areas in Texas.

Texas A&M University

Beef Cattle Short Course

The Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University focuses on Texas beef cattle producers and presents seminars to help the industry improve efficiency and profitability. Funds are used to defray high school and college students' registration costs for this annual program.

Bush School of Government and Public Service

The Show's funding supports graduate students within the Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University, which is a professional graduate program that educates students on principled leadership in public and international affairs, conducts research and performs service.

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans

Held at the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University, the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans provides training and mentoring in entrepreneurship and small business management to veterans with disabilities resulting from their military service in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Mays Business School is one of eight select business programs in the U.S. that offer the EBV programs.

****Legacy of Ranching Exhibit***

The Texas A&M Department of Animal Science is partnering with the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum to create an exhibit, The Legacy of Ranching: Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future, to be hosted in conjunction with other educational events at the Bush Library. The exhibit is being developed to celebrate the ranching history of Texas – the people, leadership, and value of farming and ranching to the State. The exhibit will open at the end of February, 2017, and run through January, 2018.

Texas FFA Association

Career Development Winners

Show funds are used to defray FFA chapter expenses for Texas Career Development winners at national FFA career development events held in conjunction with the national FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, each fall.

Leadership Development Awards

The Leadership Development Finals are the culmination of a statewide tournament that begins with 57 district-level events. More than 5,000 entries compete at the district levels in 13 leadership contests, and 20 semifinalists qualify at area-level contests for the state competition hosted by Sam Houston State University. The financial support of the Show allows participants to defray some of the entry fee costs.

State Leadership Conference and Area Conferences

The State Leadership Conference provides training for the 10 Texas FFA area officers, who in turn provide training for the state's district officers. Funding also supports leadership conferences conducted by the state's 10 area associations.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation provides support to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and provide outdoor recreational opportunities for present and future generations.

Texas Ranger Association Foundation

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation is committed to preserving and perpetuating the history and heritage of the Texas Rangers. The foundation assists with the expansion and improvement of programs and activities at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum located in Waco, Texas.

***Texas Southern University**

The Interdisciplinary Health Professions Simulation Center at Texas Southern University is designed to integrate interdisciplinary education, simulation training, and inter-organizational collaboration into the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Students from each of the health science disciplines are represented in this simulated setting. Students participate in ongoing inter-professional trainings and practice with a focus on preparing learners to be practice-ready, team-oriented, patient-centered health professionals.

***Texas Tech College of Agriculture Sciences**

Texas Tech University is conducting a research project that will measure the benefits of competition and student success pertaining to youth livestock exhibition and competitive events involving 4-H and FFA. The research investigation will involve an analysis of beginning college students' attitude and perceptions, self-efficacy, and academic success.

Texas Wildlife Association Foundation

The Learning Across New Dimensions in Science program of the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation provides educational programs about agriculture, wildlife and habitat conservation to Texas schools. Through teacher training, curriculum materials and traveling exhibits, the program is able to educate both teachers and students.

Theatre Under The Stars

YMCA

Theatre Under The Stars, along with the YMCA, provides after-school care programs and summer programs to benefit low-income students. Young people have a chance to learn music appreciation and arts education.

The River Performing and Visual Arts Center

The River Performing and Visual Arts Center, a program offered by Theatre Under the Stars, provides accessible, affordable fine arts opportunities for children, ages 2 to 19, with disabilities or chronic illnesses, or who are economically disadvantaged.

The University of Texas at Austin – UTeach

The University of Texas at Austin – UTeach program addresses the shortage of qualified math and science teachers in Texas and beyond. UTeach integrates a rigorous math and/or science major, research experience, acquisition of effective teaching techniques, field experience, and certification into a four-year program. Its mission is to attract and retain more teachers; create better students in kindergarten through 12th-grade science and math education; establish a pre-service curriculum that integrates modern technological teaching tools, scientific discovery, and subject mastery; and build partnerships with school systems and teachers across Texas.

To Educate All Children

TEACH provides educators with intensive training in classroom culture to make school a safe and special place, focusing on de-escalation, conflict resolution, nonverbal communication, and building the self-confidence of every student.

United Way

Funding supports the United Way 2-1-1 Texas Helpline program, which provides support to anyone in need of information, referrals and coordination of health and human services. Calls are facilitated in more than 150 languages and cater to specific needs, such as physical and mental health, child care, veterans' assistance, and counseling and disaster recovery.

University of Houston – Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Show funding supports a summer training course at the University of Houston – Clear Lake Center for Autism and

Developmental Disabilities designed to help both teachers and para-professionals utilize Applied Behavior Analysis training techniques for students with autism.

***UTHealth**

UTHealth School of Nursing has established a Veterans' Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to provide veterans the opportunity to transition into the professional nursing field. The program is designed to address the unique academic needs of returning veterans and the many issues of reintegration through case management and peer support for each veteran. Show funding provides two scholarships to students enrolled in the program.

Writers in the Schools

Writers in the Schools programming, WITS Creative, provides students with weekly literacy workshops taught by professional writers. Children are exposed to a variety of literary genres and inspiration from visiting cultural or nature-based venues.

Yellowstone Academy

Yellowstone Academy is a private, faith-based school providing a specialized academic curriculum to address the educational challenges of children living in poverty. The school serves students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade and provides them with two full meals a day, uniforms, bus transportation, health screenings, physical education and extracurricular activities.

YMCA of Greater Houston

The YMCA of Greater Houston's Camp Cullen, located in Trinity, Texas, is offered to students within the Houston ISD and other area school districts. It is a six-day, overnight camping experience and includes equestrian programs, water sports, ropes course and climbing, fishing, arts and crafts, and science. The Show's funding supports hundreds of scholarships to students who live in low-income areas of Houston for the summer of 2017.