



Rooms to GROW: 2020 Dorm Room Grants

The Educational Foundation's Board of Directors established this grant program to assist Lexington School District One students with typical college expenses outside of tuition. The Foundation will provide \$300 grants to help 25 high school seniors purchase basic dorm room supplies. The program gives preference to college-bound students who have excelled despite sometimes overwhelming financial disadvantages.

Eligibility and Application Deadline: Applicants must be planning to attend a college, university, or technical college and live on campus. Grants are intended to place money in the hands of seniors who need it most. Therefore, **highest priority** will be given to students in the following circumstances:

- Foster care;
- Housing shared with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar circumstances;
- Motel/hotel lodging due to lack of other adequate accommodations;
- Emergency or transitional shelter placement; or
- Significant financial need based on individual and/or parent/household income.

All qualified Lexington District One seniors are encouraged to apply. **Applications must be submitted to your high school Counseling and Advisement Office no later than Friday, March 20, 2020.**

Awards: Grants will be awarded by early May. Funds will help students with their college expenses by providing bedding and typical dorm room supplies, and all items will be purchased by an approved high school staff member. Funds will not be given directly to students; however, the appointed high school staff member may seek input/preferences from each student who receives an award. All purchases should be of good quality, but reasonably priced. Staff will not approve extravagant purchase requests.

The following items that are typically needed in a freshman dormitory may be purchased:

- Extra-long, twin comforter
- 1-2 extra-long twin sheet sets (fitted/flat sheets and pillowcase)
- Bed pillow
- Bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- Desk lamp
- Alarm clock
- Laundry basket/hamper
- Curtains
- Clothes hangers
- Storage baskets or stackable crates
- Shower tote and shower shoes/flip flops
- Microwaveable dishes
- Flatware
- Set of plastic drinking glasses
- Water bottle for campus use
- Photo frames or cork board for wall photos
- Desk organizer
- Over-the-door mirror
- Multi-plug power strip/surge protector
- Extra-long twin mattress pad/plastic cover
- Portable fan
- Wall Putty
- Laundry detergent
- Toiletry items – shampoo and conditioner

Any other items needed that are not on the above list must be approved prior to purchase.

Questions? Please contact Foundation staff or Executive Director Julie Anderson Washburn at 821-1008 or jwashburn@lexington1.net.



2020 Dorm Room Grant Application for Lexington County School District One Seniors

Full Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____ High School: _____

Which college, university, or technical college do you plan to attend? List a second choice, if applicable:

Have you been accepted? Yes No Program/Major: _____

Class Ranking: _____ Number in Class: _____ Grade Point Average: _____ SAT/ACT Score(s): _____

Will you be the first member and generation of your family to attend college? Yes No

Will you live in on-campus/university/college housing? Yes No

If not, does your family have other children who are attending a college/university/technical college? Yes No
If so, provide the name, age, and school for each below:

Are your parents/guardians providing financial assistance for all children's college expenses? Yes No

If you expect to qualify for a SC Education Lottery Scholarship, which scholarship do you expect to receive?

Palmetto Fellows LIFE SC HOPE Lottery Tuition Assistance Program

List all financial aid and scholarship awards/amounts in detail below. **Attach copies of your college/university/technical college Acceptance and Award letters, and copies of all other scholarship award letters to this application.**

Are you employed? If so, please list your employer: _____

Full-time Part-time

Do any of the following circumstances describe your current situation? If so, please choose all that apply.

- Foster care
- Housing shared with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar circumstances
- Motel/hotel lodging due to lack of other accommodations
- Emergency or transitional shelter
- Economic hardship. Please briefly describe your current situation _____

Do you or any members of your household receive the following? Check all that apply:

Free or reduced school meals SNAP (food stamps) Medicaid Social Security

I hereby affirm that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____