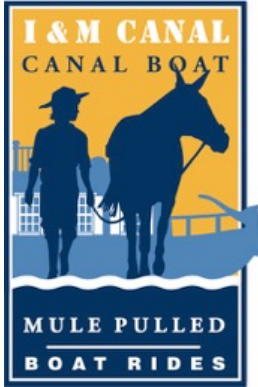


Field Trip Grant Program Application



The Field Trip Grant Program, a grant initiative administered by the Canal Corridor Association, assists schools in Central and Northern Illinois in funding a field trip to the I&M Canal Boat in La Salle, IL.

Rules & Eligibility

Who is eligible? Administrators or teachers who are employed by an accredited Pre K-12 public, private, or charter school in Central or Northern Illinois are eligible to participate.

How are grant recipients selected?

Grants will be awarded on a first-received, first-funded basis. Grants are currently being awarded for the next Boat Seasons, which runs May-October.

What does the grant fund?

The grant helps fund a visit to the I&M Canal Boat, where students learn about the I&M Canal Corridor by experiencing actual travel on a mule-pulled canal boat, just like they did in 1848. This engaging and fun field trip includes a 10-minute Mule Tending 101 Class, where students learn about the mules that pull the I&M Canal Boat, and a 50-60 minute ride on the I&M Canal, narrated by a period-dressed guide and crew. An optional, FREE 30-45 minute Cor-Ten Steel Silhouette Walk is available. This Cor-Ten Steel Silhouette Tour can introduce students to I&M Canal historical figures, including Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln, Wild Bill Hickok, Chief Shabbona and other notables. The silhouette tour is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the history of the I&M Canal. Estimated time on-site at the I&M Canal Boat is 1.5 hours (Add an additional 20-35 minutes when the Silhouette Tour is added).

Is there a deadline?

There is no deadline for applications. Applications will be awarded on a first-received, first-funded basis until all grant funds are expended.

How do I apply?

Complete the application and return it via fax to Fax # 815-223-6129, email to imcnha@iandmcanal.org, or by mail to:

**Attention: Field Trip Grant Program
754 First Street, LaSalle, IL 61301**

NOTE: Applicants will be notified of their award status in writing to their school address, by phone or by email. Funding is based on student income levels:

Tier 1: Low-Income Student Population - 50% and Over: \$150 in transportation costs, cost: \$0/student

Tier 2: Low-Income Student Population - 35-49%: \$150 goes towards your I&M Canal Field Trip, cost: \$2/student

Tier 3: Low-Income Student Population - 21-34%: \$150 goes towards your I&M Canal Field Trip, cost: \$5/student

Tier 4: Low-Income Student Population - 20% & Under: \$150 goes towards your I&M Canal Field Trip, cost: \$9/student

The Canal Corridor Association (CCA), a 501(c)3 non profit, preserves history, protects nature and open space, and creates destinations where people can learn and have fun in the I&M Canal National Heritage Area from Chicago to LaSalle/Peru and is designated by Congress as the local coordinating entity for the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, the nation's first national heritage corridor. www.iandmcanal.org. The I&M Canal Boat and Lock 16 Center are owned and managed by the CCA.

**754 First Street, LaSalle, IL 61301
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General Information

First Name: Last Name: Job Title: Email

Address: School Name:

% of Low Income Students:

Type of School (circle one): Elementary Middle/Jr High Secondary K-12

School Address: City/State/ZIP: Phone:

Fax:

Field Trip Information

The I&M Canal Boat is open May-October. Boat times are flexible to accommodate school schedules. Preferred

Date for Trip: Alternate Date(s) for Trip:

Preferred Time for Trip:

of Students Participating: # of Staff/Volunteers Participating:

What tier of funding are you applying for (circle one)?

Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Tier 4

Use of Funds

ALL schools, regardless of their tier level, are eligible for up to \$150 to go towards their trip to the I&M Canal Boat. You must request this reimbursement in writing. It is not automatically awarded. Field trip costs may include boat tickets, a guided silhouette tour, transportation costs. ***IF this cost is for transportation you must attach a written cost estimate of transportation expenses.*** This estimate should be obtained from an authorized individual of the district's transportation department or from the contracted transportation department for the school district.

(Please indicate if there is more than one bus.)

Total expected transportation cost:

Amount requested from the Canal Corridor Association (must not exceed \$150):

Verification & Certification

The following school administrator (principal or superintendent) is aware and supports this application for a field trip grant. If I am selected to receive a grant, this individual is prepared to provide verification of my eligibility and need for the grant.

Principal or Superintendent's Name (please print or type):

Phone: Email Address:

Principal or Superintendent's Signature:

Please read the following and sign below. Your signature certifies that you agree to the terms stated below.

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected to be a recipient, I give permission to the Canal Corridor Association to use my name and information for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: