



WFA Grant History

The Women's Foundation of Arkansas began in 1998 as a project of the “Top 100 Women of Arkansas” and was a designated fund with the Arkansas Community Foundation. In its first year, WFA’s founders contributed \$100,000 to establish the Women’s Foundation as an enduring resource for all Arkansas women and girls. Grants from the fund are used to promote ideas and support programs that assist Arkansas women and girls in achieving their full potential in any endeavor. WFA gifted \$152,449 since the first grant-making cycle in 1999 through the 2006 grant-making cycle.

2006 Grants Awarded

Thirty-one grant applications were received requesting a total of \$134,733.56. Nine grants were awarded for a total of \$19,750.

- Girls Scouts of Crowley’s Ridge (\$3,000): The Girl Scouts of Crowley’s Ridge Council will plan and implement six workshops for 565 girls ages 5-17. The workshops will focus on science activities and will give the girls the opportunity to earn a patch, petal, try-it, or badge, depending on their age level.
- Girls Scouts of Conifer Council (\$2,000): Girls from diverse racial, ethnic and socio-economic groups will investigate basic science methods through engaging in hands-on science activities conducted by pre-service teachers and science club members at Texarkana College and Texas A&M University, Texarkana. The project will engage girl/adult partners in collaborative science learning and build supportive community partnerships.
- Girls Scouts of NOARK Council (Hispanic Outreach) (\$2,000): Outreach to girls in seven schools in three counties that will involve up to 140 Hispanic girls in grades K – 5 and their families. Each girl will participate in two, 2-hour NOARK Girl Scout (educational) programs at no cost. This project will help meld Hispanic and American cultures in Northwest Arkansas communities.
- Girls Scouts of NOARK (Rural Outreach Program) (\$3,000): Outreach to girls in six rural elementary schools who live in remote and/or isolated areas which limit their extracurricular activities through three, 2-hour NOARK Girl Scout Programs focusing on physics, science, and math to develop girls’ interest and curiosity in these fields to provide confidence for their careers and introducing a network of female mentors who empower girls to be transformed into women of confidence, character, and courage who will make the world a better place.
- Peace At Home Shelter (\$3,000): The Arkansas Women Achieving project is an innovative, cost-effective model program that improves long-term outcomes for families escaping dangerous homes by building job skills and inspiring hope and courage. Their goal is that no woman returns to her abuser because she cannot afford to take care of herself and children.
- Western Arkansas PACE (\$2,500): Due to continuing underachievement of gifted girls in adolescence (thus affecting long term education and career goals and attainment), sixth grade girls and other stakeholders will attend a conference dealing with their issues, gaining inspiration and motivation, and being exposed to successful female role models in various careers (math/science, business, education, arts, government).



- Pulaski Technical Collage (\$2,250): This program will enable low-income, first-generation and/or single mothers to begin classes and learn about careers in math, science, and technology. The program will also reach out through mentoring, peer group education, events, web-based communities, newsletters, field trips, guest speakers, and financial assistance. This project seek to improve career knowledge and graduation rates.
- AR Sheriffs Youth Ranch (\$3,000): Program Team Balance – Women and Economy is designed to help girls on rural campuses develop into strong, capable women, both by teaching life and financial skills and by instilling a sense of empowerment and self-worth. The program will accomplish these goals through classroom and experiential educational opportunities.
- Grant County Unified Community Resource Council (\$2,000): A mentoring program that will pair single parent scholarship recipients with trained mentors to create a fostering relationship that will provide students with the skills, knowledge, and support necessary to complete their education, earn gainful employment, and improve their lives and the lives of their children.