

Classroom Connection Bus Subsidy

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is pleased to announce a new program offering bus subsidy grants to McMinn County and Athens City K-12 schools. These subsides are possible due to a generous donation from Target's "Take Charge of Education" grant.

These funds will allow teachers experiencing school budget cuts to continue to bring their classes to the Living Heritage Museum.

Students learn about the rich, turbulent history of Southeast Tennessee. Thirty permanent exhibit areas depict life from the Cherokee Indians and early pioneer settlers through 1940, as well as several changing exhibits and programs throughout the year. With prior arrangement, classes can work on student writing and drawing skills as well.

To Apply

Any school with 25 percent or more of its students receiving free or reduced-price meals is eligible for the subsidy. The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will subsidize up to **\$150** per bus trip, with each school limited to a **\$300** subsidy. Grants to eligible schools will be awarded on a first-application-received basis and will be available until the subsidy fund is depleted. In addition, the Museum will continue to provide free guided tours of museum exhibits if a teacher requests guides in advance. The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum does not charge tour fees to the McMinn County and Athens City K-12 schools, but teachers are asked to call and schedule tours.

If you are interested in receiving funds, please fill out the application below. Telephone requests are not accepted. You will be notified within two weeks if your subsidy has been approved.

- Priority for selection will be given to schools with demonstrated financial need.
- Upon notice of approval, schools are responsible for bus transportation arrangements.
- Reimbursements of up to **\$150** will be made after the date of the group visit.

Teacher Name:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Has your class visited the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum before?	
School Name:	
School Address:	
Percentage of my school's students who are eligible for Title I subsidies:	
Percentage of my school's students who receive free or reduced-price meals:	
Amount Requested:	Amount Approved:
Signed:	Signed:
Date:	Date: