

Financial Hardship Request

The Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge (FELC) is a residential, five-day summer camp where students learn about our nation's free enterprise system firsthand. The program has been hosted by the Helms Center Foundation since 1995. During FELC, students expand their understanding of ethical leadership, the qualities and business knowledge required to be a business owner/operator or an entrepreneur, and the merits of our nation's free enterprise system. Additional emphasis is placed on developing a strong moral compass and setting and achieving personal and professional goals. No past business or leadership training is required to participate. Students should be rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors in high school and have a passion to learn and readiness to exhibit maturity and fortitude. All applicants are required to provide their own travel to and from the program and must arrive with a parent/guardian/authorized adult.

FELC is dedicated to providing this invaluable training to as many students as possible each summer, and to that extent are able to offer financial scholarships.

Due to the generosity of private donors, a limited number of scholarships are available for students with a 2.5 GPA or higher. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please follow these instructions:

Complete this Financial Aid Form (there are portions for your parent/guardian **and** an educator at your school) and return it in one of three ways:

- By mail to FELC Program, PO Box 247, Wingate, NC 28174.
- By email to Garrett@jessehelmscenter.org.
- By fax to our secure fax line: 704-233-1787.

We will contact you regarding the status of your application and financial aid request, after we receive all forms. If you have questions about this form or any part of the process, please contact Garrett Dahms, FELC Coordinator, at 704-233-1776, ext 8 or Garrett@jessehelmscenter.org.

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Parents/Guardians: Please complete this page

Student first and last name: _____

Circle the FELC session for which the student applied:

June 21-25 (NC) July 5-9 (FL) July 12-16 (NC) July 27-31 (NY)

Child lives with:

☐ Single parent/guardian ☐ Two parents/guardians

☐ Foster parent(s) ☐ Group home

Number of Dependents in the home: _____

1) What is the reason you are requesting a financial aid scholarship?

1) Describe how you believe attending the Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge will benefit the student.

Scholarship Request:

☐ Level One Scholarship. I would like to pay \$25 towards my child's registration fee.

☐ Level Two Scholarship. I would like to pay \$50 towards my child's registration fee.

☐ Level Three Scholarship. I would like to pay \$75 towards my child's registration fee.

I have read and completed all sections of this application and the information provided is correct to the best of my ability. I take responsibility for transportation to and from the program and spending money my child might need during the week.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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The student who has requested your recommendation is applying to take part in the Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge. The Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge (FELC) is a residential, five-day experience designed to teach high school students about the opportunities that exist within the free enterprise system. The program has been hosted by the Helms Center Foundation since 1995. Students participate in hands-on activities that assist their understanding of ethical and values based leadership, the qualities and business knowledge required to be a business owner/operator and entrepreneur, and the merits of our nation's free enterprise system. Additional emphasis is placed on developing a strong moral compass and setting and achieving personal and professional goals. No past business or leadership training is required to participate. Students should be rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors in high school and have a passion to learn and readiness to exhibit maturity and fortitude.

Person submitting this reference: _____

Official school title: _____

School phone: _____

School email address: _____

What is your association with the person applying for the Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge?

What is the student's current GPA? _____ Is this weighted? _____

Please evaluate the student in terms of the following characteristic under the appropriate heading. Please compare the student to his/her entire grade level. This information is solely used in conjunction with this program and will be considered guarded/private information.

	Outstanding (top 5%)	Excellent (next 10%)	Above Average	Average	Below Average
Academic motivation					
Academic success					
Interaction with peers					
Conflict management skills					
Leadership capability					
Perseverance					