



EASTON ROTARY SERVICE FOUNDATION

Rotary Club of Easton
Easton, Pennsylvania

2886 Hope Ridge Drive, Easton, PA 18045-8144

GRANT APPLICATION

Organization Name Lehigh Valley Summerbridge

Address 4313 Green Pond Road

City Bethlehem State PA Zip 18020

Phone 610-865-8072 Fax _____

Email lvs@moravianacademy.org

Contact Person Jarred Weaver Title Director

Project Director Stephanie Palmieri Title Assistant Director

Project Title Summer Programming

Grant Period June 12, 2023 - July 28, 2023

Total Cost of Project \$80,000.00 Amount Requested \$5,000.00

Does this project involve collaboration with another organization? Yes

If so, which organization? Easton, Bethlehem, and Allentown School Districts

Signature of Approving
Agency Personnel _____ Date _____

Name of Approving
Agency Personnel _____ Title _____



March 1, 2023

Easton Rotary Service Foundation
c/o Paul D. Braden, Chairman
2886 Hope Ridge Drive
Easton, PA 18045

Brief Description of the Organization

LVS supports bright and motivated middle school students who are working to overcome limited educational opportunities in their own neighborhoods. The LVS program strives to create a safe and educationally enriching environment to allow our students an opportunity to extend their academics along with personal growth. Through the pandemic, LVS has been able to maintain support from our students to continue and enhance the program, given that they have not had the usual educational opportunities due to irregular schooling. LVS hopes to invigorate and advance the love of learning into incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students in the Lehigh Valley community.

LVS is a unique and life changing opportunity for students in the Lehigh Valley. Although there are several programs that aim to support the underprivileged youth of the area, LVS encourages students to nourish their academic skills through college preparatory classes, all while inspiring students to embrace who they are. LVS provides a special opportunity for students to grow as individuals and to deepen their experience of classroom learning while also imparting important learning and life skills. Most importantly, students are encouraged to think in-depth about their futures, and do so while interacting with fellow students who have similar goals and face similar challenges.

Additionally, LVS provides an opportunity for college students to gain experience in the field of education. No other program in the Lehigh Valley allows future educators to gain classroom experience prior to student teaching. Our teachers come away from the program more prepared and excited to become professional teachers and they re-enter their own educational experiences with valuable new perspectives on learning and teaching.

Summary of the Proposal

Lehigh Valley Summerbridge (LVS) is seeking funding for its summer program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. LVS is a non-profit educational enrichment program for middle school students from low-income communities looking for an opportunity to advance their academic and life skills. Funding towards our program will go towards academic supplies, educational field trips, and transportation for each student. I respectfully request that the Easton Rotary Service Foundation consider a contribution of \$5,000 to support five LVS students in 2023.

Project Description

- **Statement of the need**

LVS was established in 1993 by Dr. Peter Sipple, Moravian Academy former Headmaster, to serve economically deprived and academically talented seventh and eighth grade students throughout the Lehigh Valley. LVS operates under the same 501(c)3 exemption as Moravian Academy and reports to the Moravian Academy Board of Trustees, however, the program has its own budget. Although LVS avails itself of services provided by Moravian Academy, including the physical space, utilities, and insurance, the program is responsible for raising its own operating expenses.

Over 900 students have actively participated in LVS and a majority of LVS graduates will attend college. The vast majority of our over 240 alumni faculty members are employed as professional educators.

Ninety-five percent of our students qualify for free or reduced cost school lunch, and the average yearly family income of LVS families is less than \$35,000. Over 85% of our students will be the first members of their family to attend college. Statistically speaking, these students are more likely to stunt their academic careers, thus it is important to create more educational opportunities. The Pennsylvania Department of Education also states that there is a significant gap between how well low-income students are succeeding in school compared to their more affluent peers.

- **How the proposal addresses the need**

LVS aims to help high achieving middle school students with limited educational resources by exposing them to college preparatory classes and activities in the hopes of students to think deeply about their future after high school. At LVS, college students teach and mentor middle school students. In every aspect of its program, LVS encourages students of all grade levels to take responsibility for their own education and for the education of others.

The goals of LVS are:

1. To motivate and prepare students to participate in college preparatory programs.
2. To encourage college students to enter the field of education.
3. To provide programming and activities that challenge students' knowledge and increase their intellectual curiosity.
4. To encourage all students to work toward proficiency in English, math, and science.
5. To encourage and promote the positive self-esteem of students.
6. To foster a sensitivity to others and a commitment to serving the community.

- **Population to be served**

LVS provides a rigorous academic experience in both the summer and school-year programs, and highlights the work of strong role models with whom students identify. Our program helps students acquire the skills, experience, and confidence needed for success while boosting students' goals for the future and their drive to successfully reach them.

Beginning during the summer after sixth grade, LVS students are recruited from eight area middle schools including Harrison-Morton and Raub Middle Schools in Allentown, Nitschmann, Northeast, East Hills, and Broughal Middle Schools in Bethlehem, Easton Area Middle School,

and Holy Infancy in the Diocese of Allentown. Once accepted into the program, students participate for two years in both components of the LVS program: summer sessions and school year Summerbridge Saturdays. They can then enter into the 9th-grade college preparation program held during the summer.

The six-week summer sessions focus on preparing students for college preparatory classes in middle school and high school by offering hands-on and proactive literature, math, science, writing, social studies and extracurricular classes. While following traditional school scheduling, students are exposed to a hands-on and interactive curriculum that challenges them while engaging them academically. LVS strives to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students to explore their identity by offering classes that range in different recreational and extracurricular activities. Additionally to the school-like structure, students are also given the opportunity to be active participants in the community. Each student has the opportunity to attend at least one college visit, along with being a part of a community service activity.

In addition to supporting middle school students in the community, LVS also aims to foster and enhance the teaching ability of future educators. The faculty involved in LVS are collegiate students who are eager to practice their craft with in-person classroom experience. The faculty works under the supervision of the Executive Director and the Assistant Director, as well as a team of professional Masters teachers who provide training and support. LVS teachers spend over 40 hours in professional development before the summer begins.

LVS runs Summerbridge Saturdays during the school year. Summerbridge Saturdays are held once a month and they offer the students an opportunity to go on field trips, obtain new study skills, or receive tutoring. The school-year program also allows the students and faculty valuable time to assemble and check-in with one another.

- **Goals and measurable outcomes**

Although our ultimate measure of success is the percentage of alumni who matriculate to college, LVS uses several other methods for evaluating the impact of our program on our students. First, we track attendance through our school year and summer programs. We consider a 90% attendance ratio to be a benchmark for success. We also measure the success of our program on the number of students who choose to return to the program the following year or to Summerbridge Saturdays. Secondly, we track grades throughout our students' enrollment in the program to see if there is any specific and unique attention that should be made to support them. Finally, as we strive to prepare young adults for a career in education, we aim to have 90% of our alumni faculty employed as professional educators.

- **Other funding sources**

Funding is provided by community members with affiliation to or interest in the program. Local businesses and foundations that help support the program through funding are:

- PSEG
- The Ryan Family Foundation
- Broad Street Partners, LLC
- United Way of the Lehigh Valley

SUMMERBRIDGE PROGRAM EXPENSE		2022-2023 Fiscal Year		
		TOTAL PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022	TOTAL YTD ACTUAL 07/01/2022 2 - 09/30/2022 2	TOTAL 2023 FY BUDGET
SALARIES & WAGES				
01-20-0039-5005	Salaries-Summerbridge Admin	\$15,456.67	\$5,000.00	\$16,000.00
01-20-0039-5030	Salaries-Summerbridge Seasonal	\$33,422.07	\$20,033.93	\$34,000.00
01-20-0039-5035	Salaries-Summerbridge Transportation	\$1,785.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		\$50,663.74	\$25,033.93	\$52,500.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & TAXES				
01-20-0039-5515	Summerbridge-FICA & Medicare	\$5,575.46	\$2,589.04	\$4,016.25
01-20-0039-6030	Summerbridge-Conferences & Workshops	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & TAXES		\$5,575.46	\$2,839.04	\$4,016.25
OCCUPANCY				
01-20-0039-6042	Summerbridge-Housing	\$3,250.00	\$6,540.00	\$3,500.00
TOTAL OCCUPANCY		\$3,250.00	\$6,540.00	\$3,500.00
CLASSROOM EXPENSES				
01-20-0039-6022	Summerbridge-Class Supplies & Materials	\$11,989.38	\$2,165.61	\$12,000.00
01-20-0039-6045	Summerbridge-Field Trip Admissions	\$1,373.68	\$877.91	\$1,400.00
01-20-0039-6050	Summerbridge-Transportation/Charters	\$6,045.63	\$18,193.20	\$4,000.00
01-20-0039-6053	Summerbridge-Food & Snacks	\$3,529.35	\$1,016.27	\$3,500.00
01-20-0039-6400	Summerbridge Scholarship	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00
TOTAL CLASSROOM EXPENSES		\$26,038.04	\$22,252.99	\$24,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSES				
01-20-0039-6335	Summerbridge-Office Supplies	(\$4.89)	\$70.65	\$0.00
01-20-0039-6345	Summerbridge-Postage & Mailings	\$27.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES		\$23.06	\$70.65	\$0.00
TOTAL SUMMERBRIDGE PROGRAM EXPENSE		\$113,788.22	\$65,746.61	\$115,340.50

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2020** and ending **JUN 30, 2021**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization MORAVIAN ACADEMY		D Employer identification number 24-0829838
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 610-868-4744
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 46,636,332.
	7 EAST MARKET STREET		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BETHLEHEM, PA 18018		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions
F Name and address of principal officer: CYNTHIA FENSTERMAKER SAME AS C ABOVE			H(c) Group exemption number
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: WWW.MORAVIANACADEMY.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other			L Year of formation: 1742 M State of legal domicile: PA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: MORAVIAN ACADEMY IS A CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOL WHOSE MORAVIAN TRADITION AFFIRMS THAT YOUNG	
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
Activities & Governance	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 23
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 23
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a) 272
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 242
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 0.
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 0.
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 3,604,021. Prior Year 2,473,137. Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 19,125,823. 18,324,045.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 817,855. 13,279,928.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 247,020. 115,914.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 23,794,719. 34,193,024.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 3,646,065. 3,984,314.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0. 0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 12,998,316. 11,990,565.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0. 0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 1,289,079.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 6,755,269. 6,593,294.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 23,399,650. 22,568,173.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 395,069. 11,624,851.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 43,172,957. Beginning of Current Year 47,443,371. End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 4,914,495. 3,892,433.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 38,258,462. 43,550,938.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	CYNTHIA FENSTERMAKER, CHIEF FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS OFFI				
Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> self-employed	PTIN
	MELISSA A. GRUBE, CPA	<i>Melissa A Grube CPA</i>	05/16/22	<input type="checkbox"/>	P00102173
Firm's name CAMPBELL RAPPOLD & YURASITS LLP			Firm's EIN 23-1386942		
Firm's address 1033 S CEDAR CREST BLVD ALLENTOWN, PA 18103-5443			Phone no. (610) 435-7489		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE SCHOOL IS TO DEVELOP A YOUNG PERSON'S MIND BODY AND SPIRIT IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH FOSTERS A LOVE OF LEARNING, JOY IN SERVING, APPRECIATION OF DIVERSE CULTURES AND PERSPECTIVES, AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 18,453,496. including grants of \$ 3,984,314.) (Revenue \$ 18,324,045.) THE EDUCATION OF 675 STUDENTS IN GRADES PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12 IN THE MORAVIAN TRADITION. THE MORAVIAN ACADEMY EXPERIENCE PROVIDES A STRONG ACADEMIC FOUNDATION IN PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE, DEVELOPS SELF-RESPECT, DIGNITY AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS, DEVELOPS CREATIVITY, AND AN APPRECIATION OF AESTHETIC VALUES, DEVELOPS PHYSICAL SKILL, AND ENCOURAGES POSITIVE ATTITUDES ABOUT HEALTH AND FITNESS, AND ENGAGES THE STUDENTS IN EXPERIENCES THAT DEVELOP THEIR MATURITY, INDEPENDENCE, ADAPTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND A LOVE OF LEARNING.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 232,836. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) SUMMER PROGRAMMING - LEHIGH VALLEY SUMMERBRIDGE ASSISTS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC POTENTIAL AND LIMITED RESOURCES TO ENTER AND SUCCEED IN COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS. AT LEHIGH VALLEY SUMMERBRIDGE, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TEACH AND MENTOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. LEHIGH VALLEY SUMMERBRIDGE ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN EDUCATION AND FOR THE EDUCATION OF OTHERS. 97 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 18,686,332.

Department of the Treasury

Address any reply to DISTRICT DIRECTOR at office No. 3

District Director Internal Revenue Service

Date:

DEC 10 1971

In reply refer to:

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Moravian Academy
4313 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

Date of Exemption: October 17, 1957 Reaffirmed June 14, 1971
Internal Revenue Code Section: 501(c)(3)

Gentlemen:

Thank you for submitting the information shown below. We have made it a part of your file.

The changes indicated do not adversely affect your exempt status and the exemption letter issued to you continues in effect.

Please let us know about any future change in the character, purpose, method of operation, name or address of your organization. This is a requirement for retaining your exempt status.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred L. Whinston
Alfred L. Whinston
District Director

	<u>Item Changed</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1.	Name changed	Moravian Seminary for Girls	Moravian Academy
2.	The merger of the Moravian Academy with the Moravian Preparatory School.		



Advisory Board

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LV Investment Group

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Moravian Academy Alumna
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