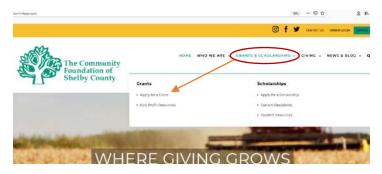
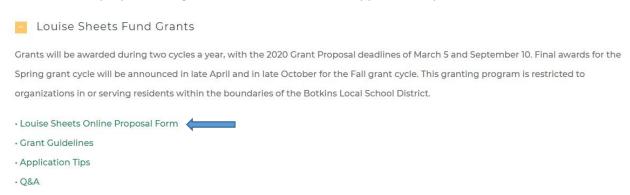
LOUISE SHEETS FUND APPLICATION TIPS:

The Louise Sheets Fund online grant application is on the Community Foundation of Shelby County website at www.commfoun.com.

Select the Grants & Scholarships tab and click 'Apply for a Grant' from the menu.



Within the Apply for a Grant section, find the "Louise Sheets Fund" and click to open a section featuring the link for the proposal along with the Grant Guidelines, Application Tips and Q&A information.

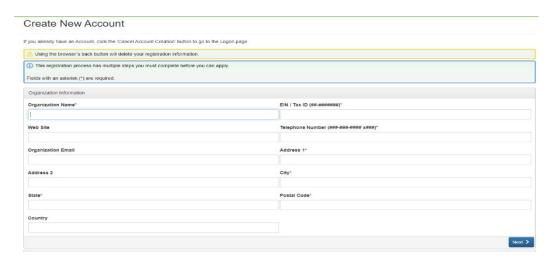


You will need to create a new account using your organization's information.



Most of the information will carry over to your grant application and saved for future applications.

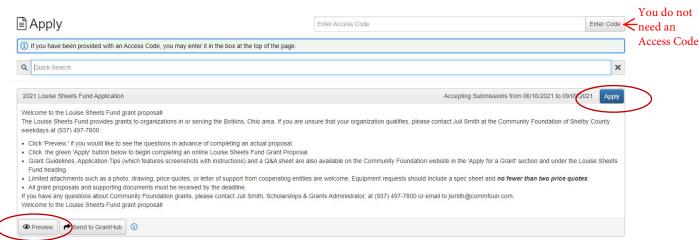
Please give your organization's legal name and EIN number. If your organization has not received an EIN number, we will need to issue your grant check to a Fiscal Agent, a third party organization that has an EIN and has agreed to receive grant money you are awarded. A church, the Village, the School or another organization may be willing to act as a Fiscal Agent. Please contact them before listing them in the section further in the application.



Please use a Login Email address that is checked frequently. It is the email we will use to remind you that the deadline is approaching and to let you know if we have problems with your application or attached documents.

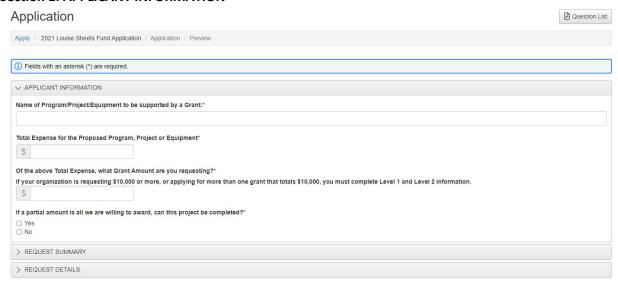
Be sure to note your username and password. Using your Username and Password, you are able to save, leave and reenter your application as often as you like, until you submit at the end of the application.

Click "Preview" if you want view the application before completing it. Click "Apply" in order to enter the application and begin adding information.



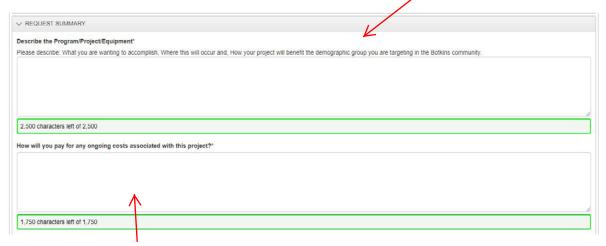
Once you click 'Apply,' the application will open for you to complete. You are required to answer all questions marked with an *.

Section 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION



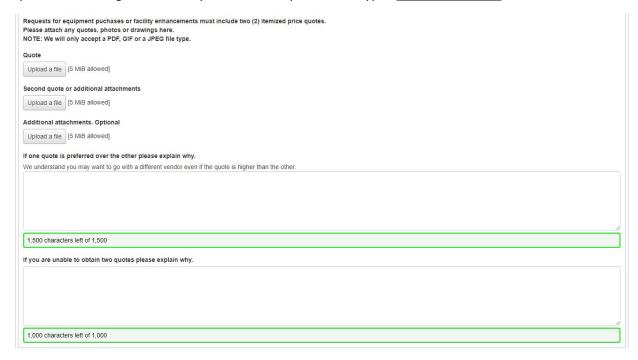
Section 2. REQUEST SUMMARY

Help us understand impact of a grant in the Botkins community. Will it benefit 10? 100? 1,000? Who will likely use the item or attend the event? Is your target audience people who are homebound? Teens? Veterans? Families? Please be clear and realistic. This is where you explain what you want to accomplish for the demographic group you are targeting in the Botkins community. Please include the location of your event or the service area a piece of equipment may be used.



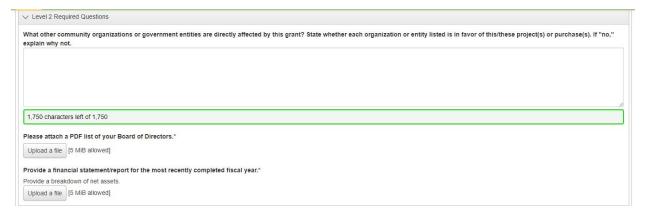
If there are ongoing maintenance costs, please explain your plan for continued upkeep of a facility, piece of equipment or programming.

If you are attaching documents, please be sure you use file types: PDF, JPEG or GIF.



LEVEL 2 REQUESTS:

If your organization is requesting a total of \$10,000 or more in one or more applications, please complete the LEVEL 2 questions and attach a list of your Board of Directors and financial report from your most recently completed fiscal year. Typically, a fiscal year ends with the calendar year, but some organizations use another date throughout the year as their ending date.



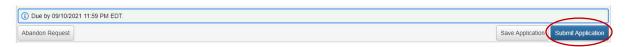
ALL APPLICANTS:

You may add a letter or two of support, if appropriate, from another organization. This is not required, but might be a good idea if your project relies heavily upon the involvement of another entity.



SUBMIT

Be sure to hit the "**Submit**" button when you are finished. If you do not hit "Submit," your application appears in our list as an incomplete application and your request will not be considered.



You will receive a confirmation email after you have submitted your proposal.

Need help? Please contact Juli Smith (<u>ismith@commfoun.com</u>) at the Community Foundation of Shelby County. Our number is (937) 497-7800.