

Educational Field Trip Scholarship Funds

Guidelines for Application

General Purpose:

White River State Park, owner of the IMAX Theater in the Indiana State Museum, is an administrator of scholarship funds available to school groups and other education-based groups in the State of Indiana to attend IMAX film presentations at no cost to the students. The scholarship funds enable the Theater to offer free or reduced price admission for eligible students.

There is one type of scholarship fund:

Ruth Lilly Needs-Based Fund – the purpose of this grant is to provide film experiences for groups that may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend an IMAX film presentation due to financial hardship. The Indiana Department of Education website provides information about the percentage of students in each Indiana school who are eligible for free lunch or reduced program. Students who attend schools where 40% or greater of the children are eligible for free or reduced lunch may receive needs based scholarships.

Ruth Lilly Needs-Based Fund Guidelines –

Eligibility:

- A school from the State of Indiana and recognized by the State of Indiana as a legitimate educational entity
- A school whose student population is made of, 40% or greater, children that are eligible for free or reduced lunch may receive needs based scholarships.
- A school whose group is a minimum of 20 students attending an IMAX Film.
- A school may use scholarship funds only once per school semester. There is nothing to prevent several classes from the same school from using the funds.

Restrictions:

- Generally, scholarship funds will be available only for educational shows on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings unless otherwise offered by the IMAX Theater.
- Funds will be available only for Standard Engagement Films.
- Applications for eligible groups will be fulfilled based on the date received in a first-come first-serve order. Teachers are encouraged to apply well in advance of planned field trips to the IMAX.
- A maximum of 1 teacher/chaperone/adult per each 5 students also receives free admission under the grant.