

Blount County Chamber of Commerce

The Long Table Community Dinner

Community Impact Grant Application

Funding support for educational institutions, nonprofits, and organizations investing in the growth, development, and future success of students and young professionals in Blount County.

About This Opportunity

The Blount Chamber Foundation is proud to host *The Long Table Community Dinner*, a signature fundraising event dedicated to cultivating the next generation of professionals and strengthening the hospitality and workforce pipeline in Blount County.

Proceeds from the event will support educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and community-based programs that demonstrate a meaningful commitment to workforce development, young professional advancement, and career readiness. Funding will be awarded to organizations whose programs and initiatives help individuals develop the skills, experiences, and connections necessary to thrive in Blount County's workforce.

APPLICATION DUE September 11, 2026	AWARD RANGE \$500 to \$5,000	RECIPIENT ANNOUNCEMENT October 15, 2026
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Application Instructions

Please complete all sections of this application and submit by September 11, 2026 to **Joy@DandyLionsGifts.com**. Applications will be reviewed by the Long Table Community Dinner Committee using a scoring rubric to ensure a fair and consistent evaluation process. Funding recipients will be announced at The Long Table Community Dinner on **October 15, 2026**. Questions may be directed to **Jessica Hahn at jhahn@blountpartnership.com**.

1. Organization Information

Organization Name:	
Contact Name and Title:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Address:	

2. Program Overview

Describe your organization's programs or workforce development efforts that prepare students or young professionals for careers in our community.

Examples may include industry partnerships, internships, mentoring, career placement services, or training.

Maximum 500 words

3. Use of Funds

If awarded funding, describe how the grant will be used to support workforce development initiatives, career readiness programs, internships, mentoring opportunities, industry partnerships, or related development activities.

Examples may include scholarship support, equipment purchases, specialized training, workshops, certifications, field experiences, or other development-related initiatives.

Maximum 300 words

Award Amount

Funding awards are anticipated to range from \$500 to \$5,000.

4. Outcomes and Impact

What measurable outcomes do you anticipate as a result of this funding? How will these resources strengthen career readiness, professional development, or employment opportunities for students or young professionals? Describe how success will be evaluated and communicated.

Maximum 300 words

5. Additional Information

Please provide any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider regarding your organization's impact, programs, or commitment to students or young professionals.

Maximum 200 words

6. Certification

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Representative:	
Title:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Acknowledgments

Conflict of Interest

Committee members must recuse themselves from the review process if a conflict of interest exists. A conflict of interest may arise when a reviewer has a personal, professional, or financial relationship with an applicant organization that could influence, or reasonably appear to influence, their objectivity.

Application Review

An applicant's affiliation with, participation in, or absence from The Long Table Community Dinner will not be considered during the evaluation process and will have no impact on eligibility, scoring, funding recommendations, or award decisions.