



## ***BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AGREEMENT OVERVIEW***

### **\$3,000 minimum financial support**

The amount of financial support includes an annual \$500 contribution for the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition program and other teacher retention initiatives sponsored by the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, Inc. This \$500 helps defray the costs of tickets for each school's participants to attend the Golden Apple Event held in February of each year. Those participants include: the teacher of the year and his/her guest and the rookie teacher of the year and his/her guest. The business partner also receives 2 tickets to the event. In addition, your contribution enables us to provide a cash award to each school's teacher of the year and rookie teacher of the year. Other teacher retention initiatives include: new teacher orientation, professional development, peer mentoring and the Golden Apple Academy.

**All financial commitments are to run through the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, Inc.** The Foundation will send the designated funds to the school. The purpose of using the Foundation as the fiscal agent is to track the amount of business dollars going to our schools. In turn, the Foundation submits the business partnership to the School Board for approval and to be publicly recognized at a School Board meeting. At that time, the business partner and the school each receive a plaque. The business partner is also listed in the Foundation's annual report, which is distributed to all of the school and community supporters of the Foundation. Because the Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation your contribution will be substantiated and can be used as a deduction for tax reporting purposes.

### **Your participation in the Business Partner program provides you with the following:**

- Two tickets to the Golden Apple recognition event
- Recognition in Golden Apple program distributed to 400 people
- Recognition on the Public Education Foundation website
- Recognition in annual report

### **Responsibilities:**

- CEO or designee will meet annually with the Principal for the purpose of developing an annual partnership plan
- Participate in the development of the school's School Improvement Plan
- CEO or designee is encouraged to serve on the School Advisory Council
- Partner will provide signage for the school
- The school will provide proper recognition of Business Partner whenever possible.
- Complete an annual survey for the Public Education Foundation on the activities of the partnership.
- Sign Business Partnership Agreement
- **This agreement is for one year and can be renewed if both partners are in agreement.**



**BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**  
**Application**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business' Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

CEO/President's name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Contact name (if not CEO): \_\_\_\_\_

Business' address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which school(s) are you requesting to partner with?** \_\_\_\_\_

**By clicking here** you acknowledge you are aware this is an application for the Business Partnership Program. Once your application is submitted, it will be reviewed and you will be contacted by the Public Education Foundation to complete a final agreement and determine payment options. The minimum donation for a Business Partnership is \$3,000. No payments will be processed until the Business Partnership is approved by the Foundation and School Board and the final agreement is signed.

Please submit completed applications to [Judith.Zanetti@marion.k12.fl.us](mailto:Judith.Zanetti@marion.k12.fl.us) or fax to 352-671-4168.

For any questions, please contact us at 352-671-4167.

**Thank you for your interest in supporting Marion County Public Schools.**

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