

# Homeschool Grant Application Support Packet

## *Indian Creek Historical Fashions*

### *Where History Comes to Life*

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#### Purpose of This Packet

This packet is designed to assist homeschool groups, co-ops, and educational organizations in applying for grant funding to bring immersive, curriculum-based historical programs to their students.

Programs by **Indian Creek Historical Fashions** are designed to align with humanities education goals and are eligible for many educational and cultural grants, including those offered by Humanities Nebraska.

 *“Grant funding may fully or partially cover the cost of this program.”*

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#### Program Overview (Use in Applications)

Indian Creek Historical Fashions provides immersive, interactive historical programs that bring the past to life through storytelling, authentic period clothing, and audience participation.

These programs are designed to:

- Engage students emotionally and intellectually
- Provide historically accurate content
- Support curriculum-based learning
- Encourage critical thinking about historical experiences

Programs are suitable for grades K–12 and can be adapted for multi-age homeschool groups.

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#### Educational Objectives (Copy/Paste Ready)

Participants will:

- Gain an understanding of daily life in historical periods
- Explore the social, cultural, and environmental challenges of the past
- Develop empathy through experiential learning
- Engage in critical thinking about historical decisions and consequences

- Connect historical events to present-day understanding
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## Curriculum Alignment

These programs support educational standards in:

- History / Social Studies
- American History
- Westward Expansion
- Cultural Studies
- Women's History
- Experiential Learning

Programs are designed to integrate easily into homeschool curriculum plans and unit studies.

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## Homeschool Credit Support Language

In Nebraska, homeschool education is parent-directed. These programs may be used as part of a homeschool curriculum and can support:

- History credit
- Social studies credit
- Elective learning hours

**Suggested use includes:**

- Unit studies
  - Enrichment programs
  - Supplemental curriculum experiences
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## Program Descriptions (Short Version for Applications)

### **The Children's Blizzard of 1888**

An immersive program exploring one of the most devastating winter storms in Great Plains history. Students experience the sudden "wall of white," the decisions made by teachers and families, and the human stories behind survival and loss.

## **Women Homesteaders of the Great Plains**

This program explores the lives of women who claimed land under the Homestead Act, highlighting resilience, isolation, and the realities of frontier life.

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## **Women Soldiers of the Civil War**

A powerful look at the women who served in disguise, acted as spies, or supported troops in nontraditional roles during the Civil War.

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## **Victorian Fashion & Social History**

An interactive program exploring clothing, social expectations, and the evolution of fashion from the Civil War era through the bustle period.

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## **19th Century Children's Games**

A hands-on experience where students actively participate in historical games such as:

- Hoop and stick
  - Graces
  - Croquet
  - Blind Man's Bluff
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## **Funding Justification (Copy/Paste Ready)**

This program provides a unique educational opportunity that combines historical accuracy with immersive storytelling and hands-on learning.

Funding will allow students to experience history in an engaging and meaningful way that goes beyond traditional classroom instruction.

The program supports humanities education by exploring:

- Human experiences
- Cultural development
- Social challenges

- Historical decision-making

This experience is especially valuable for homeschool students, providing access to high-quality educational programming that may not otherwise be available.

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## **Presenter Qualifications (Copy/Paste Ready)**

Rayma Volkmer of Indian Creek Historical Fashions is a historical interpreter and educator specializing in immersive, third-person storytelling.

She creates and presents historically accurate programs using:

- Authentic, self-constructed period clothing
- Hands-on demonstrations
- Interactive audience engagement

Her work focuses on connecting modern audiences to the lived experiences of the past through emotionally engaging and educational presentations.

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## **Program Format**

Programs can be customized to meet the needs of the group, including:

- Single-session presentations
- Multi-program series
- Half-day or full-day experiences

Each program includes:

- Live presentation
  - Interactive elements
  - Audience participation
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## **Cost Information (Template)**

Program fees vary based on:

- Location
- Group size

- Number of sessions
- Travel distance

Typical program investment ranges from:

👉 \$450 – \$825

A detailed quote will be provided upon request.

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## **How Funding Is Used**

If grant funding is awarded, funds will be used to:

- Cover program fees
  - Support educational programming costs
  - Provide students access to immersive historical learning experiences
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## **Contact Information**

**Indian Creek Historical Fashions**

 [www.indiancreekhistoricalfashions.com](http://www.indiancreekhistoricalfashions.com)

 Contact to:

- Request a quote
  - Customize your program
  - Receive additional grant assistance
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## **Final Note for Applicants**

Indian Creek Historical Fashions is committed to making history accessible, engaging, and meaningful for students of all ages.

Grant funding allows homeschool groups to provide enriching educational experiences that inspire curiosity, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the past.