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My name is Harriston J. Holmes, Jr. and I am the founder of Altitude Academy. I am delighted to present Altitude Academy for your funding consideration. Altitude Academy is a charitable non-profitable 501©(3) organization that encourage youth an early start in Aeronautics. Altitude Academy will receive grants for the purposes of operational purposes and will ensure the grant funds are used in accordance with the grant agreement and provide reports as required by the grantor.

Altitude Academy mission aims to educating and exposing youth to all aspects and opportunities of careers in aerospace from Maintenance, Piloting, Engineering, Manufacturing, Military, Administration, and more. Altitude Academy began its mission encouraging youth on March 29, 2021, and we currently have 45 plus youth enrolled in our program. Since then, our youth have earned Left-Seat time towards earning their private pilot's license. We have had Robotic Engineering class sessions and also drone sessions. We have hosted "Back-To-School Drives", giving away school supplies to youth for the year. We have provided educational sessions, hands-on shop projects, and field experiences for youth by meeting at least two times a month.

Altitude Academy host lecture sessions, discussion sessions, Hands-On Laboratory Sessions with invited professionals and organizations in the Aeronautic Industry. Our youth are able to become aware of the history, evolution, sciences, math, and the relevance of aeronautics in our world. They are also able to become personal with professionals and recognize the terminology in the field. This prepares them by being familiar with the operations in the aeronautics, whether its Airport Management, FAA, Piloting, Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance, Safety, Emergency Responders, Homeland Security, Quality Assurance, Flight Services, and more. As the founder of Altitude Academy, I am a native of Beaufort County, and a graduate of Beaufort High School. I have a Bachelor's in Health, with a minor in Business Management from Voorhees College, now known as Voorhees University. After receiving my degree, I worked to pursue my Airframe and Powerplant in

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June 2009 from the Aviation Institute of Maintenance in Duluth. I have received my Inspection Authorization, from Baker's school of Aeronautics in Lebanon, TN. I began working as an Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic with one of Delta Airlines regional airlines, Express Jet Airlines located at Hartsfield-Jackson Int'l Airport in Atlanta and Columbia, SC (CAE). With 12+ years of experience in Aviation with assignments from Civilian/Military, Commercial, Corporate, to General Aviation, and now with PSA Airlines, American Airlines wholly owned regional airline as a Heavy Maintenance Representative; I would like to share the opportunity to the youth in Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper, Allendale, and Colleton Counties. Since working in aviation, I have experienced life meeting wonderful individuals and visiting places of different cultures from around the world. Aerospace is essential to our world from an economic standpoint to the privilege of leisure. It has definitely allowed me to grow and appreciate life knowing that each aircraft that I performed maintenance on plays a role in connecting someone to their destination safely. Altitude Academy host fundraising events locally at various events to assist with expenses along with personal donations from parents to help give youth the full experience that Aerospace offers. There is a lot more to be done and we look forward to working with supporters to help carry out this mission preparing our youth to help advance this dynamic field of aeronautics.

Warm regards,

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