



Jackets Power of an Hour Request Form

Event date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025
The Colonial Oak Music Park ~ 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Presenters should arrive at 5:45pm.

What is Power of an Hour?

Power of an Hour is a community fundraising event supporting St. Augustine High School. SAHS teachers and staff are given the opportunity to submit an application to fund a project that is needed for their classroom, club, sport or other student or school need that may be outside the scope of the school district budget. In the past, these have been projects like an audiobook library for our media center, water distillers for our science labs, a tennis pro to train the tennis team and additional band instruments for beginner band students. These applications are collected and reviewed by a committee who selects 5 projects to be presented at the Power of an Hour event.

At the event, which really does just last 1 hour, attendees pay a \$20 cover charge which gives them the ability to vote for the project that they want to see get funded. The 5 projects will be presented; the attendees will be able to ask questions and then vote. The project that receives the most votes goes home with the house pot to fund their project. Attendance is key! The more people that attend, the more funding that is raised.

But the real magic of this event happens when parents and community members rally behind our students and staff and start talking to friends, colleagues and neighbors to fund the projects that don't win the vote. Because of this level of community support, every single request that has come through Power of an Hour has been funded in some capacity, either directly through the event or through private funding that resulted from the event.

Please review the policies and procedures carefully.

1. The Jackets Power of an Hour funds will be generated on the evening of the event through admission fees and the request with the most votes by the attendees will claim the funds. Completion of this form does not guarantee that your request will be selected nor fully funded.
2. Applications will be reviewed by members of the PTO and Principal, Travis Brown, who will select five (5) requests to be presented at the Jackets Power of an Hour event.
3. The five selected projects will be required to present a 3-minute informal presentation at the Jackets Power of an Hour event on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, Doors open at 5:45pm.
4. All requests must be submitted by **September 12, 2025** to Stefanie McMaugh at stefanie79@gmail.com.
5. Applicants will be notified by **September 23, 2025** if their request was selected for the event or not.
6. Applicants must commit to inviting the families of their students, friends, family and any stakeholders to purchase a ticket to attend the event and vote for their project. SAHS PTO will advertise the event via social media and school distribution lists and will provide finalists with an email template to invite people to the event.

Requests must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- All requests must be for the benefit of constituents of St. Augustine High School including students & staff.
- Requests should be for no more than \$2,000. However, if your request is greater than \$2,000, please contact Stefanie McMaugh at stefanie79@gmail.com. A key part of the Jackets Power of an Hour is to help the community understand the school's budget gaps and provide opportunities for stakeholders to assist with resources.
- This opportunity is available to SAHS teachers, staff, club sponsors, coaches, and student group leaders. Completed forms and questions can be submitted to Stefanie McMaugh at stefanie79@gmail.com.

When filling out this form, please be as specific as possible.

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Contact email: _____

Project: _____

What group does this project support? _____

Where will the activity/project take place? _____

What is the total cost of the activity/project? _____

Description of need/project/activity:

How will St. Augustine High School benefit from need/activity/ project?

What is the need/activity/project date/deadline? _____

Please check the boxes below to show understanding of the expectations of the finalists:

- I understand that should my project be selected as a finalist, I am required to attend the Power of an Hour event on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:00pm to present a 3-minute pitch to the attendees.
- I understand that this is a **numbers game**, and to increase my chances of winning the popular vote I will invite the parents of my students, my family, and any stakeholders to attend the event.
- I agree to send out an email (supplied by the PTO) to the parents' of my students and any stakeholders in the success of this activity/project requesting their attendance at the event.
- I understand that only those who have purchased a ticket and are in attendance at the Power of an Hour event are allowed to vote. There is no proxy voting.
- I understand that this is an adult only event. No SAHS students will be admitted to the venue.

Signature

Date