

Focus Area Committee Descriptions and Member Responsibilities

Arts & Culture

High impact programs or initiatives that cultivate, develop, educate, and enhance culture and the arts in Sarasota & Manatee Counties.

Education

High impact programs or initiatives that further education or improve access to education for children and/or adults in Sarasota & Manatee Counties.

Environment & Recreation

High impact programs or initiatives that restore, preserve, revitalize, or enhance the facilities or natural resources (including for recreational use); or improve the welfare of animals in Sarasota & Manatee Counties, including those that encourage research, public awareness, and education relating to the environment and conservation of our natural resources.

Family

High impact programs or initiatives that strengthen and enhance the lives of children and families living in Sarasota & Manatee Counties.

Health & Wellness

High impact programs or initiatives that improve the physical and/or mental health and wellness of people living in Sarasota & Manatee Counties.

Focus Area Committee Responsibilities

- Conduct in-depth reviews of eligible grant applications following specific guidelines.
- Conduct site visits (small teams of 3 to 4 members).
- Utilize online grant application platform as needed.
- Select one finalist per focus area to present to the entire membership for vote at the annual meeting.

FAC Committee Member Timeline

March 7: Sign up to participate on a committee

March 18 – 29: Interviews of Chairperson candidates

April 9: Chairpersons invited to attend non-profit workshop

April 13: FAC member training workshop – online grant platform and FAC committee policies and procedures

August – September: 6-8 Individual committee meetings, site visits, finalist selection. (time estimate for committee meetings is 2 hours each. Site visits 1 – 1.5 hours.