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GRANTS PUT THE OHIO RIVER IN REACH FOR LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS

Cincinnati, OH—Teachers who want to get their students on-board a unique Ohio River floating classroom this fall will have access to significant discounts if they teach in underserved schools. The Foundation for Ohio River Education is currently accepting applications for fourth through twelfth grade classes to participate in the River Research, Education and Adventure CHarters (River REACH) program. FORE is offering significant discounts for schools with more than 25% of students participating in a Free and Reduced Lunch program.

The River REACH program is an award-winning floating classroom that gets area elementary and high school students on a Queen City Riverboat to experience scientific monitoring of the Ohio River through hands-on water testing and studies of fish, plankton and aquatic invertebrates. The program also engages students in local history and social studies as they pass landmarks and infrastructure that have helped communities thrive on the Ohio River.

Discounts for underserved schools were made possible through generous funding from Duke Energy Foundation and The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation. River city schools from Northern Kentucky may even qualify to participate in the program for free, thanks to a Kentucky Watershed Mini-Grant through the Kentucky Division of Water.

“Many of the low-income schools in our region are located on or very close to the river. We are thankful that these generous funders have made it easier for them to explore this amazing resource, which is located right in their back yards!” said FORE Director, Heather Mayfield.

River REACH cruises run during the months of September and October, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, please contact FORE Director Heather Mayfield at 513-231-7719, extension 115, or at hmayfield@orsanco.org. More information can also be found at www.riverlearning.org