

October 10, 2017

Dear Members of the CCS Fund for Excellence:

My name is Vincent Williams. I am in seventh grade. I have been going to CCS since 2010. I am on the soccer team and I really like social studies. I am excited to be able to have the opportunity to create my own project this year! The topic I am interested in pursuing is ancient Roman history. I am interested in this topic because my dad is a history teacher, and I am really interested in ancient civilizations. My driving question is "How did the ancient Romans get around?" I am hoping to create a life-size, working chariot.

I need to research materials the Romans used, and how to put a chariot together. That will help me figure out what tools I will need, too. I will be able to make a chariot with the help of my uncle, who is a mechanic. (He may be able to help with the power tools, as well.) This will probably take me a long time to finish. I will need time to measure and cut pieces. I will need to put on the wheels, and I hope to be able to paint it. All of this will take me approximately 15 hours. I will spread this work out, and hopefully will be able to do some of it during PEP time. I am requesting \$45 for some of the wood and the wheels. I found the wheels I would like to use at Ace Hardware for \$19.99 each. The axle is approximately \$5, and I'm hoping to use paint we have at home already, so that won't cost anything.

This project will really help me, and hopefully my classmates better understand how the ancient Romans got around and used their chariots. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request. I hope that I have convincingly argued the importance of my idea.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Williams". The signature is stylized with a large initial "V" and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Vincent Williams