

Northern Illinois Science Educators (NISE) Grant Overview and Application

Overview

NISE's grant program supports STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) professional development activities for K-12 educators in the greater Chicago area. Eligible expenses the grant would cover include:

1. Reasonable Travel - This includes reasonable, economy class travel expenses including airfare or mileage, hotel, transfers, and meals.
2. Registration Fees - Registration fees associated with the eligible activity including workshop, conference, program, and/or tuition fees.
3. Materials - Materials directly related to the eligible activities.

While this list is not meant to be comprehensive, the following list are examples of eligible activities. Examples of eligible activities include:

1. K-12 science educator presenting at an out-of-state (national or regional) conference/workshop for a STEM related field. (Will not cover materials not included with the conference/workshop registration fees. Supervisor/district administrator must agree to attendance. Presenters are given preference over attendees.)
2. K-12 science educator presenting or attending at an in-state conference/workshop for a STEM related field.
3. K-12 educator, school district, or nonprofit is planning to run a summer workshop in a STEM related field, open to all Chicago area science educators, but they need help to cover the travel costs of presenter(s) and/or materials in order to reduce the cost of the workshop or even be able to offer it for free.
4. Local science educator organization, open to all science educators in the area, is trying to organize meetings but doesn't have the financial resources to pay for things like, meeting space, mailings, light snacks for meeting attendees, or other materials to attract, organize, and otherwise promote and expand the organization and its activities.

While not a requirement, if our grant budget can't cover all applications, preference maybe be given to applications that:

1. demonstrate a financial need
2. are sustainable after the grant
3. have the potential to impact the most educators/students.
4. are for authorized presenter over just attending
5. educators willing to share the knowledge/experience by presenting at local workshops and conferences
6. applicants participate in NISE sponsored activities including presenting and/or attending

Restrictions

1. For grant's given to support a workshop or conference, the event must be open to all K-12 educators in the greater Chicagoland area.
2. NISE officers and directors, their families, and their personal friends are not eligible.

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Applicant Type (Check will be written to this person/organization.)

Note: All applicants must be, or employed at, a state accredited K-12 Public School or accredited and qualified 501(c)(3) K-12 School.

- Individual
 Individual on behalf of an Organization/Institution
 Organization/Institution (i.e. – School, District, etc.)

Applicant (For Institutional applicants, please have the primary contact complete this portion.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Type: Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____
Email: _____ Type: Personal _____ Work _____
School Dist / Org: _____ (organization name for those applicants)
School: _____ (or “Dist Office”, “N/A” for organizations, etc.)
School / Organization County: _____

Q1) Please provide a brief description of the activity for which you are seeking funding, the goals/objectives you hope to achieve, and/or your background/qualifications related to the activity. (If you are applying to attend a conference/workshop, please indicate if you will be an attendee or a presenter and if your presentation has been accepted.)

Q2) Please describe the budget/expenses including the total amount you are seeking. Please break out the amounts into categories/line items where possible (airfare, hotel, meals, registration, etc.).

Q3) Why is the funding needed? Please describe the financial need for this activity. For example, why are you seeking our assistance instead of, or in addition to, funding from your school and/or district?

Q4) How will this impact science education at your school, including the population it will serve? For example, how will it impact your teaching, student experiences, and improve science education.

Q5) Please list any NISE activities you have participated in the past including the year (i.e. - NISE conferences attended, conferences presented at, workshops attended, etc.).

Q6) Please list any STEM/science professional organizations you belong to and/or activities you regularly participate (i.e. - NSTA, ISEL, ChemWest, NMLSTA, annually attend NSTA national conference, etc.).

Q7) Date the funding is required by:

By signing below, the applicant attests that the applicant is employed at or is a representative of a state accredited K-12 public school or an accredited K-12 school that is a qualified 501(c)(3) entity.

Signature

Date

Email completed application to conference@nise.us at least 2 months prior to requested funding due date.