

National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Gulf Coast Chapter

Okaloosa County Math and Science

2009-2010 ACCELeRator Grants Program

The NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter (NDIA GCC) is pleased to announce the continuation of the ACCEL Grants Program. The purpose of this program is to foster enthusiasm for math and science. The program will accomplish this by offering grants up to \$1000 to Okaloosa County school teachers/organizations who successfully propose classroom projects or programs which demonstrate creativity and innovation in teaching math and science. ACCEL grant applications will also be considered from tax-exempt/non-profit organizations seeking to advance math and science learning for Okaloosa County children.

ACCEL grant applications will be accepted by mail from 1 March 2009 up to close of business 11 September 2009. In the first week of October 2009, an NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter committee will convene to select the most deserving projects. The awardees will be notified and asked to participate in a recognition social at the Air Armament Museum during the annual NDIA Symposium. At least 20 individual ACCEL grants will be awarded, with planned disbursement mid-November 2009. The number of grants will be dependant on funding. NDIA GCC reserves the right to cancel this program at any time. Grants made prior to cancellation will not be affected by cancellation.

Application Guidelines

Goal: To foster enthusiasm for math and science in Okaloosa County Schools.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from Okaloosa County Schools and from tax exempt/non-profit associations seeking to advance math and science learning for Okaloosa County children.

Dates:

1 March 2009 - 11 September 2009: Application submittal time period.

11 September 2009: Last day to receive application by mail to: Betsy Thorn, 944 Lido Circle, Niceville, FL 32578

Early October 2009: Recipients notified.

Mid-November 2009: Grants disbursed

30 May 2010: 1-2 page summary of project results (email to Elizabeth.thorn@eglin.af.mil)

Application Package Requirements

To be considered, ACCEL grant applications must include the following information:

1. Completed applicant information form with applicant and supervisor signatures and requested Grant amount, with 2-4 attached.
2. A one page description of the proposed project or program on an 8.5" x 11" sheet, 1" margins, single spaced, 12 pitch Times New Roman font --- **please exclude requesting salaries of any description --- NDIA cannot cover salary requests.**
3. Up to two 8.5" x 11" pages of supporting information such as pictures and figures that help describe the proposed program.
4. One 8.5" x 11" page of supporting information that justifies the requested grant amount, up to \$1000. In exceptional circumstances, NDIA will consider awarding one additional grant (maximum of two) to a single applicant if the application package is of superior quality and it clearly shows how the additional grant is necessary to complete the goals of the proposed project or program.
5. Signed Agreement to provide feedback on benefits derived from use of the grant.

Criteria: ACCEL Grant applications will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Promotes interest and passion in math and science
- Makes math and science more fun to learn
- Demonstrates real life application of math and science
- Exposes students to representative math and science career fields
- Significant use of "hands on" activity
- Completeness of application package
- Age of students to benefit
- Number of students to benefit.

Application Submittal and Questions: Completed applications should be mailed to: Betsy Thorn, 944 Lido Circle, Niceville, FL 32578

Applicant Information Form

Applicant Name: _____

Position Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

School/Org Name: _____

Address: _____

Requested Grant Amount: _____

Supervisor Name (or equivalent): _____

Supervisor Title: _____

Supervisor Phone #: _____

Supervisor Email Address: _____

I certify that:

1. I am submitting this ACCEL grant application package with the full intention of using the funds as presented in the application package should they be awarded;
2. If awarded an ACCEL grant, I will provide the NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter a 1-2 page summary of how the funds were used and the results achieved no later than 30 May 2010 (email to elizabeth.thorn@eglin.af.mil).

Applicant Signature

Date

I certify that I am the applicant's supervisor. I have reviewed the attached application. I agree to allow the applicant to execute the project as proposed.

Supervisor Signature

Date

- Attachments:
1. One page Description of Project
 2. Supporting Descriptive Information, if any
 3. Justification for Dollars requested

Mail to: Betsy Thorn, 944 Lido Circle, Niceville, FL 32578. Submittal suspense is 11 Sept 2009.