GSN Foundation K-12 Earth Science Education Grants

Applications due by November 1st

The GSN Foundation recognizes and supports the need for earth science education at the K-12 level. We have expanded our scope of funding to include classroom teaching as well as field trips.

Field Trips: Since many of the expenses for field trips, notably transportation, are not paid by the school districts, GSN Foundation has the opportunity to assist, in a meaningful way, by helping to defray some of these expenses.

Classroom: Funding to assist classroom teaching will be considered for a variety of applications, including but not limited to, printed materials (books, pamphlets, posters), mineral testing kits, mineral collections, and any other teaching aids that we would consider beneficial to earth science education.

GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

1) Grants for earth science-related field trips will generally be limited to transportation expenses. Field trips must address some aspect of geology such as rocks, minerals, mining, faulting, earthquakes, volcanic activity, glaciation, fossils, landforms, erosion, river processes, soils, or cave formation. Field trip costs other than transportation (such as admission fees) may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2) Grants for classroom learning materials will be for the purchase of teaching aids directly related to earth science education.

3) Grants will be limited to Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) per field trip or classroom learning request, except for special cases as determined by the Review Committee. A teacher may submit applications for multiple different class field trips to be taken in one school year.

4) Requests should be made by the teacher of the class taking the field trip or teaching earth science in the classroom.

5) Requests for grants for the entire school year must be received by November 1 of the CURRENT school year, but they may apply retroactively to field trips taken earlier in the fall term.

6) Requests will be accepted from teachers or home-schoolers in all areas of Nevada.

7) A written acknowledgment of field trip or classroom earth science curriculum completion must be provided by the teacher receiving the grant.

8) Any special consideration for “AT RISK” schools will be on a case-by-case basis.

9) Favorable consideration will be given to requests indicating supplemental fund-raising efforts.

10) Grants will be in the form of a check from the GSN Foundation Treasurer made out to the requesting school.

11) Send completed application forms to: Ruth Carraher, GSN Foundation
    racarraher@gmail.com
    or fax applications to 775-323-3599

12) It is advisable to confirm with Ruth that your application has been received.
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GRANT APPLICATION

NAME OF SCHOOL: ________________________________________________________________

TEACHER NAME(S): ______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________ CITY/ST/ZIP ____________

TELEPHONE: __________________________________________________ EMAIL: ________________

GRADE LEVEL(S) OF STUDENTS: ___________________________ NUMBER OF STUDENTS: __________

DATE OF FIELD TRIP: __________________________

DESCRIPTION OF FIELD TRIP (INCLUDE DATE, TIME, PLACE, PURPOSE, GEOLOGIC CONTENT, AND PERTINENT LOGISTICS (USE ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY):

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TOTAL COST OF TRIP: $ _____________ COST OF BUS (or other vehicle) TRANSPORTATION: $ _____________

OTHER FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR THIS EVENT AND AMOUNTS (TO BE) RAISED:

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DESCRIPTION OF IN-CLASSROOM CURRICULUM: DESCRIBE THE GEOLOGIC CONTENT AND THE MATERIALS TO BE USED IN TEACHING AND THE SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED FOR THIS CURRICULUM (USE ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY):

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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE GSN Foundation (not to exceed total transportation cost for field trips): $________

ARE YOU AN “AT RISK” SCHOOL (AS DEFINED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT)? Yes ☐ No ☐

COMMENTS AND/OR JUSTIFICATIONS:

________________________________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR: ____________________________ DATE: ________________

Mail or fax completed applications to: Ruth Carraher, GSN Foundation, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512 or fax to: 775-323-3599. Completed applications may also be sent as e-mail attachments to racarraher@gmail.com
If you have any questions, please call Ruth Carraher at 775-240-6623, or e-mail: racarraher@gmail.com.

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