



2012-2013

MINI-GRANT PROGRAM



DEADLINE: July 15, 2012

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ATTENTION TEACHERS!!!

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THESE GRANTS?

Any rural K – 12 classroom teacher whose school or community is served by a local Rural Electric Cooperative or whose students' homes are served by a local Rural Electric Cooperative.

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR A GRANT?

Your school, community, or students must be served by a local Rural Electric Cooperative.

HOW MUCH ARE THE GRANTS?

There will be ten Mini-Grants of \$500 each to be expended during the 2012-2013 school year for student-based projects. Each Mini-Grant will be funded during the 2012-2013 school year.

HOW WILL THE APPLICATIONS BE JUDGED?

All applications will be screened by the NREA Teacher Activities Committee to select fifteen finalists. The NRECA will select the ten winners from the fifteen finalists.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

1. A project design that demonstrates cooperation between students;
2. Appropriateness for age and grade levels;
3. A project design that encourages a high level of student involvement;
4. A project design that indicates coordination with your local Rural Electric Cooperative;
5. A project design that focuses on student learning;
6. Overall quality of the application and adherence to grant guidelines.

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WHAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF A PROPOSAL?

An eligible project should feature an investigation of the science of energy or electricity. Project ideas could include a study of the local geology, the history of hydroelectric generation in your community, or alternative sources of energy for the next generation. The project should be limited only by the imagination of your students and the resources you have available.

EACH PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- The name and address of your school district;
- The name and address of the SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER;

- The name, school address, phone number, and email address of the participating teacher(s);
- The summer address and phone number for the participating teacher(s);
- The grade level(s) and size of participating class or classes;
- A brief one to two page description of your project, which addresses each of the six criteria listed above;
- Estimated timeline for your project during the 2012-2013 school year;
- A budget detailing expenditures of at least \$500;
- The name, address, phone number, and contact person for your local Rural Electric Cooperative;
- A copy of the letter you sent to the manager of your local Rural Electric Cooperative in which you report that you have submitted an application to the 2012-2013 NREA Mini-Grant Program.

WHAT CAN I USE THE MONEY FOR?

The money must be expended in compliance with your proposal for the 2012-2013 NREA Mini-Grant Program.

MAY THE GRANT BE USED TO EXTEND/EXPAND AN EXISTING PROJECT?

Yes, but in that case, clearly indicate the scope of the original project and for what part of the original project you plan to use the NREA Mini-Grant.

WHAT KIND OF DOCUMENTATION OR “FINAL REPORT” IS REQUIRED?

Each Mini-Grant winner must submit a written final report on their project. The final report must be mailed to the NREA Mini-Grant Program, Beering Hall room 5129, 100 N. University Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907 by May 1, 2013.

For more information about NREA go to www.nrea.net

For more information about NRECA go to www.NRECA.org

**MAIL YOUR ENTRY TO:
NREA Mini-Grant Program
John Hill
Executive Director, NREA
100 North University
West Lafayette, In 47907**





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(Please save to the computer, type in the shaded area, and print a hard copy and submit with your proposal.)

GRANT PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

School District Name:

School District Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Name of School District Treasurer: Telephone Number: () - -

*******Participating Teacher(s) Information*******

(1) Name:

School Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Telephone Number: () - - E-mail:

Summer Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Summer Telephone Number: () - -

(2) Name:

School Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Telephone Number: () - - E-mail:

Summer Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Summer Telephone Number: () - -

(3) Name:

School Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Telephone Number: () - - E-mail:

Summer Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Summer Telephone Number: () - -

(4) Name:

School Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Telephone Number: () - - E-mail:

Summer Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Summer Telephone Number: () - -

(1) Name:

School Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Telephone Number: () - - E-mail:

Summer Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Summer Telephone Number: () - -

Please list the grade levels covered by the grant activities:

Size of the participating class (es)? :

Name of contact person for the Local Rural Electric Cooperative:

Address:

City/Town: State: (abbreviate) Zip Code:

Telephone Number: () - -

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