

Milwaukee Chapter

Teacher's Grant Program:

The Milwaukee Chapter of ASM-International promotes participation, growth and professional development in the field of Material Science and Engineering within the State of Wisconsin. The Ernie Guenther Memorial Fund (EGMF), is interested in receiving "Teacher's Grant" proposals from Wisconsin elementary, middle and high school teachers. This program is aimed at promoting education on engineered materials. Proposals must be for small, classroom projects aimed at science education for grades K-12, with special focus on metals and materials whenever possible. The request should focus primarily on permanent equipment rather than only consumables. Funding may range from \$500 - \$1500 for these projects and may be available for one or more proposals each year.

Teacher's Grant Proposal Guidelines:

Proposals must include the following:

- Specific details regarding the need for funding, i.e. stating that the science budget has been reduced is not sufficient criteria
- The use of the funds including a detailed budget with specific supplies, vendor and prices listed for the equipment required for the project, not just consumables
- Scope of the project
- The grade(s) of the students who will participate in the project
- The name & address of the school where the project will be conducted
- The name, email, and telephone number of the school principal
- The name, home mailing address, e-mail and telephone number of the teacher proposing the project
- The grant is awarded to specific teachers at specific schools. If the teacher changes schools, the grant will be rescinded.

Proposals are due by April 2, 2024 and will be awarded during the May 14, 2024 meeting of the ASM-Milwaukee Chapter. Proposals should be limited to four pages. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to the ASM-Milwaukee Chapter, EGMF Committee member, Rachel Dressler (asm.mke.scholarship@gmail.com). Grant recipients must be willing to provide a one-page letter outlining how the project worked and how the students received it.

Proposals are to be emailed to Rachel Dressler at asm.mke.scholarship@gmail.com

Examples of Previous Grants:

- A grant was awarded for a general science kit for elementary grade classes. A teacher proposed the purchase and utilization of this kit to expand the study of science in her classroom. The teacher has reported that this project has been a success and well received by her students.
- Another grant was awarded for computer probes to be used in high school physics classes to gather improved data from experiments rather than approximations from the use of stopwatches, alcohol thermometers and meter sticks.
- A school was awarded funds to purchase kits to develop a better understanding of electricity, conductivity, and magnetism.
- Solid state model kits were used to aid in student understanding of molecular and metallic structures.
- Project Lead the Way high schools used the funds to purchase materials test equipment.

Individual teachers are eligible to receive up to three Teacher's Grants, provided that only one per year is awarded and with a maximum of two in consecutive years.