

Grant Overview:

Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc. recognizes that educators in our communities are often faced with limited resources to fund classroom projects and initiatives. Through the development of our Cooperation for Education Grant, we are demonstrating support of local schools by offering an opportunity to aid funding for curriculum enhancements in the STEM learning fields. Schools and/or youth organizations offering programs that follow the grant guidelines will be eligible for awarded funds.

Grant Guidelines:

Programs must be academically focused in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math, and aimed towards improving student achievement to be considered. Highly regarded projects will incorporate matching funds, community resources, and interdisciplinary or team-teaching elements, including collaboration with teachers from other classrooms or schools in the district. Favorable projects will be sustainable in future years. Higher consideration will be given to projects that benefit many students; possibly an entire school.

Grants may be used to purchase equipment or curriculum materials, but should be part of a well-planned and integrated project or activity. Grants may be awarded for field trips only if the field trip is a supplemental learning tool to classroom curriculum. Award funds may be used towards new initiatives or the enhancement of an existing program. The district administrator must approve the project request prior to submitting the application. Projects previously funded through the Marquette-Adams Cooperation for Education Grant are eligible; however, greater consideration will be given to new applicants. Maximum grant amount awarded will be \$500 per project per academic year.

Examples of projects that would be considered for funding:

Robotics programs, engineering mentoring programs, workshops for teachers or students, props for energy lessons, purchase of a weather balloon or 3-D printer, guest speakers/instructors, video editing software/equipment. Essentially anything that would improve the educational impact on students within the learning environment above and beyond the resources that are currently available.

Examples of projects that would NOT be considered for funding:

Travel for competition, field trips not supplementing classroom curriculum, text books, capital projects, real estate, endowments, entry fees, T-shirts or other promotional items, stipends for meals.

Cooperation for Education Grant Application

Grant Application Requirements:

- Applications should be submitted 4-6 weeks prior to the date of anticipated need
- This form must be completed and submitted along with the Executive Summary (outlined below) to be eligible

School Information:

School Name: _____ District: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Applicant Title: _____

Phone: _____ Extension: _____

Email Address: _____

Program Information:

Requested Grant Amount (max \$500) : _____

Program Title: _____

Has this program received a Cooperation for Education Grant in previous years? (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Executive Summary of Project Criteria

To be completed on a separate document and submitted with this application (maximum 500 words)

- How does this project relate to studies in science, technology, engineering or math?
- What are the project goals, expected impact and specific, measurable objectives?
- What grade level and number of students will be impacted by the project this year and in future years?
- Who will be tasked with managing the project?
- Attach an itemized budget (*to the nearest dollar*) and list other financial partners along with a timeline for the funds to be dispersed.

Signature of District Administrator: _____

Date Received: _____

Authorization: _____
(Sign & Date)

Notes: _____
(Initial)

Please return this completed form along with your Executive Summary to:

Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative
PO Box 45 • Oxford, WI • 53952
Attn: Cooperative for Education Grant Application
Or scan and email to info@marquetteadams.com