AEESP Foundation Grant-Making Mission and Application Requirements

The mission of the AEESP Foundation is to improve the state of knowledge in environmental engineering and science through the support and encouragement of excellent education, outreach, and scientific research. The AEESP Foundation supports projects that enhance the general public's awareness and understanding of environmental engineering and science and the role of environmental engineers and scientists in addressing environmental problems at the local and global levels. Applications will generally be reviewed twice per year by the AEESP Foundation Board.

**Grant-making Mission.** The AEESP Foundation provides small monetary grants that will enable individuals and/or organizations to utilize expertise garnered from research and teaching at the university level to improve K-12 instruction, with the goal of preparing students to be future environmental engineers and scientists. A maximum of five grants of up to $2,000 each will be awarded each year.

**Grant Application Requirements.** Applications should be submitted electronically via the AEESP Foundation website at [www.aeespfoundation.org/grants](http://www.aeespfoundation.org/grants).

When submitting a grant proposal, the following information is needed:

- Name of organization's contact
- Name of organization
- Organization’s address
- Email address for organization’s contact
- Organization’s tax status
- Organization’s mission

In addition, applicants should draft a brief cover letter that clearly states the title of the project, identifies the principal investigator, and provides a one- to two-paragraph executive summary of the proposed project.

The project description itself should be maximum of 5 pages (single-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font) and must include the following information:

- Description of project team, including any K-12 educational partners
- Overall project goal and objectives/tasks
- A description of proposed activities
- Project impacts, including number and demographics of K-12 students that will be impacted
- Project timetable

**Selection Criteria.** Grant proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of budget and proposal for the proposed work
- Contribution to the grant-making mission of the AEESP Foundation
- Extent of impact: timespan and number of people served
- Likelihood of a significant impact

**Grant Eligibility.** Grant recipients are limited to two funded proposals within a four-year time period.
Award Deliverables. Following the completion of K-12 instructional projects, the AEESP Foundation requires that each grant recipient submit a one- to two-page written summary of the project for publication in the next AEESP Newsletter. Accompanying photos with captions are encouraged. Project summaries should be sent to the attention of Executive Administrator Brian Schorr at bschorr@aeesp.org.