

AIAA New England Grants to Educator Associates

Supporting STEM education in our precollege schools has always been an objective of the New England Section which we have met through various events. This year, we have additional funds available because of decreased activity elsewhere caused by the Covid-19 virus. For more information about the New England Section, please visit <https://engage.aiaa.org/newengland>

We have begun funding two Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives,

1. General: a general one for all Educator Associate's schools
2. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: an equal one for schools which are under-resourced and have disadvantaged students.

If you decide to apply, please pick one of the two. Each grant may be up to \$250 for this year. We will fund multiple grants in each category. We are currently prioritizing the only one per school, but this is likely to open up. These \$250 grants from the New England Section are independent of the \$500 grants available through the national AIAA Foundation.

This grant will be awarded to elementary, middle or high school STEM teachers, or administrators, to purchase supplies and/or equipment that would augment science experiments and/or mathematical and engineering-related activities. It will not be awarded for items such as travel, conference registration, nor non-STEM facilities.

There are two steps to the process:

1. **Become an AIAA Educator Associate** – see the email. We will be able to quickly ensure your application has been accepted by AIAA.
2. **Apply for the grants** - interested associates need to complete a one page proposal describing how the associate would use this grant to enhance science experiments, technology efforts, mathematics or engineering-related activities.

The proposal should include:

1. Name of associate applying for the grant
2. Name of school
3. Statement of how the grant will enhance STEM education
4. Schedule
5. Associates' evaluation of impact (e.g. how many students would be affected, scientific knowledge improvements, etc.)
6. Total cost of the items to be purchased (broken out by individual items)

The procedure for submitting for this grant:

1. Complete one (1) page proposal described above
2. Submit proposal to Mr Endri Leshia at lesha.endri@gmail.com.

3. Provide financial details of to whom the check should be made and the full mailing address for the check delivery.

Associates who receive funding from AIAA-NE will be expected to:

1. Summarize the use of the funds and how successful the effort was and any lessons learned.
2. Submit copies of appropriate purchase documentation.
3. Acknowledge AIAA New England support in their activity reporting, presentations and elsewhere as appropriate.

Questions concerning this grant: If there are any questions concerning this grant, school administrators or teachers may contact Mr Endri Lasha at the above email address.