

To increase your chances for funding, please keep in mind these characteristics when developing your mini grant application:

Good mini grant projects

- Show usefulness over long periods of time
- Can be easily set up and handle frequent use
- Benefit large numbers of students
- Capture students' interest
- Provide unique and/or higher concept learning
- Address curriculum standards
- Are appropriate for the grade level

In addition, information on the application should

- Be neatly organized
- Contain reference information (e.g. vendor information, etc.)
- Itemized total budget must not have a shortfall of more than 10% of the total amount requested (\$50 for CAT A, \$75 for CAT B, \$100 for CAT C)

How to apply

Go to: www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/mini_grant.htm, click on "Submission Guidelines" and follow the step by step instructions.

For more information, contact:
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If you do not wish to be photographed or otherwise recorded, please contact Gladys Moore at gladys.moore@srs.gov prior to the awards ceremony.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

New This Year!

- Educators may now submit grant applications online! As we transition to electronic submission, grants may still arrive by mail.
- Rule Change: Educators may only be associated with one (1) grant in any role, either as lead teacher or team member.

The Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Innovative Mini Grants Program

recognizes and celebrates innovative teaching methods by providing funds to enhance elementary and middle school science, mathematics, and technology programs in the CSRA.

Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on the criteria listed in this brochure.

Eligibility

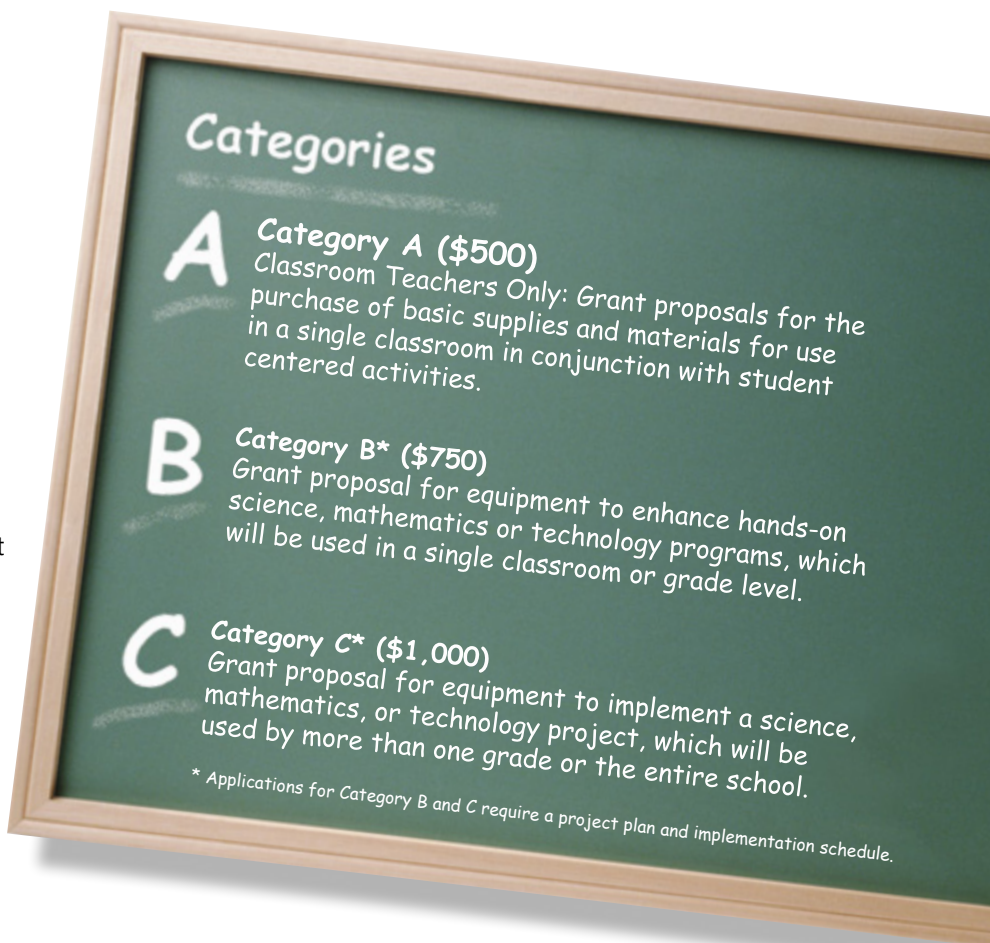
- Public and private elementary and middle school educators who teach/work in one of the following CSRA counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell or Edgefield (SC); and Columbia or Richmond counties (GA) may apply.
- Guidance counselors may apply for mini grants as long as it's demonstrated that the project will benefit elementary and middle school students in the classroom.
- Applicants do not have to be science, math or technology teachers to be eligible for a mini grant. The grant writer must demonstrate that the project will enhance those concepts in the classroom.
- Previously submitted grants will not be sent to applicants to be used as examples. This would give an unfair advantage to those not receiving copies of previously submitted grants.
- From a SRNS perspective, materials, supplies and equipment become property of the winning teacher. However, teachers should check with their schools. Some schools do take ownership of the materials.

Selection committee criteria

- Goals and objectives clearly stated and measurable
- Project directly involves students
- Evaluation component
- Budget is reasonable, appropriate, and specific. Itemized total dollar amount must not have a shortfall of more than 10% of the total amount requested (\$50 for CAT A, \$75 for CAT B, \$100 for CAT C)

Additional criteria for Categories B and C:

- Proposal contains a Project Plan with evaluation component.
- Implementation Schedule is reasonable.
- Integrates technology with instruction.
- Promotes scientific methodology, problem solving and higher order thinking skills.
- Potential for replication.



Checklist/Rules

- Mail-In proposals must be submitted on the current year's application form.
- Your name may only be associated with one (1) grant in any role, either as lead teacher or team member.
- Grant Applications must not contain any identifiable information of school or teacher.
- A team shall consist of no more than three members including the lead educator.
- Proposals that received funding may not be re-submitted unless the project is of an refurbishment nature.
- The budget cost of the project should reflect the applied category dollar amount, no more than a 10% shortfall.
- Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on the criteria listed in this brochure.
- Principals and participants will be notified of the final results according to schedule.