GRANTS FOR TEACHERS FUNDING REQUEST FORM

The Montana Water Environment Association (MWEA) is an association of water environment professionals who support student education and career-building efforts in the stormwater and wastewater fields. Our rivers and wetlands are healthier than they’ve been in generations, but more work is needed to protect our watersheds and community livability. The Grants for Teachers program was established to support water science education, involvement and restoration activities by K-12th grade students in Montana who are working toward clean water education goals.

The following evaluation criteria and process ensure tracking and accountability for funds allocated to schools, promote fair distribution of funds, and leverage MWEA’s public education goals. Visit www.montanawater.org for more information.

Evaluation Criteria
➢ Curriculum/project is for K–12th grade students during the 2018/2019 school year.
➢ Curriculum/project is science-based and includes water, wastewater and/or stormwater education elements.
➢ Grants will not be awarded for technology such as ipads, mini ipads, computers, etc. Grants may be awarded for equipment used in water or wastewater testing such as DO, pH, turbidity, etc. Grants will be determined by the review committee with input from the Board if items requested are questionable.
➢ Strongly suggest curriculum/projects include a wastewater treatment facility tour for grades 8th-12th (if teacher of 5th-7th feel a tour would be beneficial, we encourage you work with your local facility. Some facilities have limits on ages of students) and/or a presentation from a local wastewater/stormwater agency. Strongly suggest projects include a presentation from local wastewater/stormwater agency for grades K-7th. MWEA will provide contact information for your local wastewater/stormwater agency if unknown.

Process
➢ A MWEA review committee will determine the level of funding to be awarded.
➢ A check payable to the school will be mailed to the contact provided.
➢ The school agrees to use the funds only as proposed unless otherwise approved.
➢ A summary of fund use (how the money was spent) and digital photos must be received by December 1, 2019 for inclusion in the grant annual report.

Amount Available
The average funding level will vary depending on the number of applicants and funding level request. Total program fund available is $2,000.

Deadline
Applications for the 2018/2019 calendar year can be submitted starting July 1, 2018. Award recipients will be notified within 60 days of funding application being received. Funds will be distributed until total available funds are depleted. For submission and questions, please contact:

Amy Deitchler / Great West Engineering / 2501 Belt View Drive / Helena, MT 59601
adeitchler@greatwesteng.com / p: 406.495.6160 / f: 406.449.8631
School name: ________________________________

Class name: ________________________________

Project title: ________________________________

Key contact person/instructor: ________________________________

School Address: ____________________________________________

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Phone: (Day) ___________________________ (Evening) ______________

Email: ________________________________________________

Funding use**: (Check all that apply)

___ Laboratory equipment  ___ Conference/Workshop  ___ Education

___ Vegetation planting  ___ Other Stream/Habitat Enhancement

___ Clean up  ___ Bus transportation

___ Substitute Teacher  ___ Monitoring

Other ____________________________________________________

**Funding may not be used to purchase technology (ie, iPad, iPad mini, tablets, computers, etc.). Funding can be used to purchase equipment (ie, turbidity meter, pH meter, DO meter, etc.).

Amount Requested: $__________

Grant recipients are strongly suggested to take a wastewater treatment facility tour (7th-12th) and/or have a presentation from their local wastewater/stormwater agency. If unknown, contact Amy Deitchler at adeitchler@greatwesteng.com.

Name of nearest wastewater treatment facility: ________________________________
Curriculum/Project Description and Purpose:

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Location of project site or area if outside classroom: ____________________________________________________________

Name of waterbody (i.e. stream, river, wetland, lake) (if applicable): __________________________________________________

If enhancement project, what specific water quality benefits will this project have?
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How many participants will be involved in this curriculum/project (number of students and instructors)?
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What other groups or organizations have made commitments to work on this curriculum/project?
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What is your plan of action/timeline for completing your curriculum/project?
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Will you take a wastewater treatment facility tour and/or have a wastewater/stormwater professional present to your class?
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Have your students taken a wastewater treatment facility tour in the past? If so, where and when?
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Has a wastewater/stormwater professional presented to your students in the past? If so, who and when?
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Budget:
Funding will depend upon the number of applicants and funds available. Funds can be used for educational materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and contracted professional services. Funds may not be used for food.

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Other Contributions and Funding (if applicable):
List contributions for other sources or groups (financial, materials, services).


Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Thank you for nurturing our future water professionals. Please return this form to:

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