

National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Gulf Coast Chapter

2017-2018 ACCEerator Grants Program

The NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter (NDIA GCC) is pleased to announce the continuation of the ACCEerator Grants Program. The focus of this program is to foster enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and math in our local school children. The program seeks to accomplish this by offering grants up to \$1000 to local school teachers and tax- exempt/non-profit organizations who successfully propose projects or programs which demonstrate creativity and innovation in teaching and encouraging an interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

ACCEL grant applications will be accepted by email until close-of-business (4:30 p.m. CDT) on 13 October 2017. A NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter committee will meet to select the most deserving projects and the recipients will be notified during the last week of October. The awardees will be notified and invited to participate in a recognition social at the Air Armament Museum during the annual NDIA Symposium on 1 November 2017, with planned financial disbursement in the awardee's schools in mid-November 2017. The number of grants will be dependent on funding. NDIA GCC reserves the right to cancel this program at any time. Grants made prior to cancellation will not be affected by cancellation.

Application Guidelines

Goal: To foster enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and math in our local school children.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from local schools and from tax exempt/non-profit organizations seeking to advance math and science learning for local children. ACCEL Grants are limited to \$1,000 per applicant. Exceptions will be very limited and at the discretion of the NDIA awards committee.

Dates:

13 October 2017: Application Submittal Deadline to: Tom Hancock at Tomjean@cox.net; cc: John Wilcox at john.wilcox@orbitalatk.com

Late October 2017: Recipients notified.

01 November 2017: Awardee recognition at evening Armament Symposium social. Grants disbursed.

NLT 31 May 2018: Selectees Submit 1–2 page summary of project results, include pictures that can be posted on our website if possible to: Tom Hancock at Tomjean@cox.net; cc: John Wilcox at john.wilcox@orbitalatk.com.

Application Information

To be considered, ACCEL grant applications must include all of the following information:

1. A completed Applicant Information Form, which includes a commitment to provide project summary with feedback on project results, with applicant and supervisor signatures. **The application will not be accepted without submission of the signed form. *Please do not include salaries in any grant request—ACCEL Grants cannot be used to cover salary requests***
2. A one-page description of the proposed project or program for 2017/2018.
3. Up to two pages of supporting information to justify the requested grant amount for the proposed project. Include prices and any other information, such as pictures and figures to support the validity and usefulness of the grant.
4. For 2016 ACCEL Grant awardees, the submission of the 2016 ACCEL project summary (if not previously submitted).

Evaluation Criteria

NDIA GCC evaluators will evaluate grant applications according to the following criteria:

1. Promotes interest in and passion for mathematics and science.
2. Makes learning mathematics and science more fun.
3. Demonstrates real-life application of mathematics and science.
4. Exposes students to representative career fields in mathematics and science.
5. Significant use of “hands-on” activities.
6. Completeness of the application package.
7. Age of students benefitted.
8. Number of students benefitted.

Application Submittal and Questions

Applicants must email completed application packages to Tom Hancock at Tomjean@cox.net; cc: John Wilcox at john.wilcox@orbitalatk.com

Questions:

Tom Hancock (850) 678-2105

John Wilcox (850)226-9295

Applicant Information Form

Applicant:

Name & Position Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

() I received an ACCEL Grant in 2016 and () did () did not submit 2016 ACCEL project summary in May. () The 2016 project summary is included with this application.

School or Organization:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor (or Equivalent):

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Requested Grant Amount: \$ _____

I certify that:

1. I am submitting this ACCEL grant application package and will notify NDIA if I am not able to use the funds as proposed, and
2. If awarded an ACCEL grant, I will provide the NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter a 1–2 page project summary of how the funds were used and the results achieved no later than 31 May 2018; and I give permission for NDIA to post any pictures I submit on their website to help promote the ACCEL program. (Pictures that can be placed on the NDIA website are encouraged; email to Tom Hancock at Tomjean@cox.net; cc John Wilcox at john.wilcox@orbitalatk.com

Applicant Signature (required)

Date

I certify that I have reviewed the attached application. I agree to allow the applicant to execute the project as proposed.

Supervisor Signature (required)

Date

- Attachments:**
1. One page description of project
 2. Justification for dollars requested and Supporting Descriptive Information

Email to: Tom Hancock at Tomjean@cox.net, cc: John Wilcox at john.wilcox@orbitalatk.com.