

National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Gulf Coast Chapter

2022-2023 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 awarding grants up to \$1000 each to local schoolteachers 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. Last year we awarded \$62,316 total to 64 teachers in the Okaloosa, Walton, and Santa Rosa County School Districts.

New this year, we are introducing an ACCEL “Booster” Grant for \$1,000 each that will be funded directly via industry partner sponsorship. All ACCEL grant applicants will have an opportunity to present rationale for the award of a \$1,000 Booster grant, which will be in addition to their basic ACCEL grant, should they be selected. Only a limited number of Booster grants will be available, and it is our intention to award them to the highest scoring basic grant awardees.

ACCEL grant applications will be accepted by email *until close-of-business (4:30 p.m. CDT) on Wednesday, October 6, 2022*. A NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter committee will then convene to evaluate and select the most deserving projects, and the recipients will be notified during the last week of October. Our primary plan this year is to return to recognizing grant recipients in person during an evening reception at the Air Armament Museum, November 2, 2022, beginning approximately at 5:30PM. Please submit this application via email to Tom Hancock and Ben Osborne (emails in attached application) and the videos of selected projects will be posted on the NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter website. Note: NDIA GCC reserves the right to cancel this program at any time.

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. There will also be the option to submit for an additional \$1,000 “Booster” if you feel your project might require additional funds. A limited number of Booster grants will be available and will be awarded to the highest scoring basic grants. Exceptions will be very limited and at the discretion of the NDIA awards committee.

Dates:

6 October 2022: Application Submittal Deadline to: Tom Hancock at tomjean@cox.net and cc: Ben Osborne at ben@survice.com

Late October 2022: Recipients notified.

2 November 2022: Awardee recognized on the NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter website and ACCEL grants disbursed during the awards ceremony and via mail to schools/organizations in teachers/sponsors names.

NLT 31 May 2023: Selectees Submit 1–2 page summary of project results, include pictures/videos that can be posted on our website if possible to Tom Hancock at tomjean@cox.net and cc: Ben Osborne at ben.osborne@survice.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 2022/2023.
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. A one-page summary justification for of what you can accomplish with a maximum \$1,000 “Booster” award in addition to a basic grant
5. For 2021 ACCEL Grant awardees, the submission of the 2021 ACCEL project summary (if not previously submitted).
6. If submissions require the use of personal protection equipment due to COVID-19 safety precautions at reasonable cost to complete their ACCEL project that is acceptable for use in the award budget.

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 and cc: Ben Osborne at ben.osborne@survice.com

Questions:

Tom Hancock (850) 678-2105

Mike Ruff (850) 585-2934

Ben Osborne (850) 362-6920

Applicant Information Form

Applicant:

Name & Position Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

() I received an ACCEL Grant in 2021 and () did () did not submit 2021 ACCEL project summary in May. () The 2021 project summary is included with this application.

School or Organization:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor (or Equivalent):

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Requested Grant Amount (Basic\Booster): \$ _____

I certify that:

1. I am submitting this 2022/2023 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 2023; 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 and cc: Ben Osborne at ben.osborne@survice.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: Ben Osborne at ben@survice.com.