

## **National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)**

### **Gulf Coast Chapter**

#### **2024-2025 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 \$1500 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 \$81,300 total to 64 teachers in the Okaloosa, Walton, and Santa Rosa County School Districts.

ACCEL grant applications will be accepted by email *until close-of-business (4:30 p.m. CDT) on Friday, October 25, 2024*. 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 early part of November. We will recognize grant recipients in person during an evening reception at the Air Armament Museum on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, beginning approximately 5:30 PM. Please submit this application via email to Ben Osborne (email in attached application) and the 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 \$1,500 per applicant.

<b>Dates: 25 October 2024:</b>	Application Submittal Deadline to: Ben Osborne, ben@survice.com
<b>Early November 2024:</b>	Recipients notified.
<b>NLT 20 November 2024:</b>	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.
<b>NLT 31 May 2025:</b>	Selectees will submit a 1–2 page summary of project results. Include pictures/videos that can be posted on our website, if possible, to 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 2024/2025.

### 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 Ben Osborne at [ben.osborne@survice.com](mailto:ben.osborne@survice.com)

Questions:

Ben Osborne (850) 362-6920

### Applicant Information Form

**Applicant:**

Name & Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I received an ACCEL Grant in 2023 and ( ) did ( ) did not submit 2023 ACCEL project summary in May. ( ) The 2023 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 2024/2025 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 2025; 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 Ben Osborne at [ben.osborne@survice.com](mailto:ben.osborne@survice.com).)

_____ <b>Applicant Signature (required)</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>
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**I certify that** I have reviewed the attached application. I agree to allow the applicant to execute the project as proposed.

_____ <b>Supervisor Signature (required)</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>
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- Attachments:**
1. One page description of project
  2. Justification for dollars requested and Supporting Descriptive Information

**Email to:** Ben Osborne at [ben@survice.com](mailto:ben@survice.com).