

National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Gulf Coast Chapter

2025-2026 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 \$75,000 total to 50 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 Monday, November 10, 2025*. 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 19, 2024, beginning approximately at 5:00PM. 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.

Dates:

12 November 2025:Application Submittal Deadline to: Ben Osborne ben@survice.com CC: Mr. Frank Robbins no1hog@aol.com

14 November 2025:Recipients notified.

19 November 2025: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 2026: Selectees Submit 1–2 page summary of project: A 1–2 page project summary that includes a synopsis of how all of the funds were used, and the results achieved. Include pictures/videos that can be posted on our website via email to Ben Osborne at ben.osborne@survice.com.

Application Information

To be considered, ACCEL grant applications must include all 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 proposed project subject that concentrates on education the field(s) of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education.
3. A one-page description of the proposed project or program for 2025/2026.
4. 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.
5. For 2024 ACCEL Grant awardees, the submission of the 2024 ACCEL project summary: A 1–2 page project summary that includes a synopsis of how all of the funds were used, and the results achieved (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 send an email **WITH THE SUBJECT: “2025 NDIA ACCEL Grant Submission for (*Teacher Name*) at (*Teacher’s School*)”** containing the completed application packages to Ben Osborne at ben.osborne@survice.com
CC: Frank Robbins no1hog@aol.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 2024 and () did () did not submit 2024 ACCEL project summary in May. () The 2024 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 2025/2026 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 that includes a synopsis of how all of the funds were used, and the results achieved no later than 31 May 2026; 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.)

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: Ben Osborne at ben@survice.com. CC: Frank Robbins at no1hog@aol.com