Ed Rowe Memorial Grants for Kansas Primary and Secondary Environmental Educators

The Kansas Sierra Club Environmental Grant Program recognizes the many contributions of long-time member Ed Rowe toward making this world a better place. Ed taught biology for 30 years at Emporia State University, then dedicated his life to volunteer activities on behalf of the community. He was a life-long learner whose dedication continues to make a difference for future generations through this grant program.

In honor of Ed Rowe, the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club is pleased to offer a limited number of grants to K-12 teachers in accredited Kansas schools who undertake projects, activities, and lessons to enhance student understanding of climate change, environmental jeopardy, and the societal impacts of environmental injustice. Grants may be used to attend conferences, prepare special lessons and activities, and purchase materials for lessons and projects. Grants range up to $1,000. Certified K-12 teachers in Kansas school districts in any field of study may apply. These grants are intended to aid teachers in educating students about the nature of the climate crisis and how human activity has accelerated climate change. We encourage teachers and students to explore solutions to the many challenges of climate disruption. Teachers in all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply, including humanities, fine arts, science, and applied science.

All sections of this application must be completed.

Project title and brief description: ____________________________________________________________
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Amount requested and purpose (e.g., travel / supplies): ______________________________________
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Grant recipient (i.e., to whom will the grant check be made -- name of school district):
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Educator / Applicant Name: ________________________________________________________________

Home Address (city / state / zip): __________________________________________________________

School / District (& number): ______________________________________________________________

Street address: ______________________________________________________________________

City/County, State, Zip code: _____________________________________________________________

Email (both home and work): ______________________________________________________________

Phone numbers: (Home) ____________________________ (Cell) ____________________________ (School)

Subject(s) taught: ___________________________________________________________________

Grade level: _________________________________________________________________________
Project Information

Project / Activity Title: ____________________________________________________________

Overview of project: (Please describe the project or activity in detail, including how it will educate students about the climate crisis, environmental jeopardy, the societal impacts of environmental injustice, and potential solutions. Include how the funds will be used, the timing of the activity or project, and the materials needed. If you need additional space, please attach extra pages and supporting documents and include them with your application.)

Project Budget

Amount Requested (up to $1,000): _____________________

(Explain how funds will be used. On a separate page include a detailed budget of travel expenses, materials costs, conference fees, etc. Will there be funding from other sources? If so, from what source(s)? Applications will not be processed without this information.)

Educator’s Profile

(Tell us about yourself—you interest in environmental issues, academic and professional background, community service. Attach extra pages if necessary.)
Signature of Teacher Applying for the Grant:
Signature: ______________________________ Date: ___________________
Print or type name: ______________________________
Title / Department: _____________________________________________________

Signature of School Administrator*
Print or type name: ___________________________________________________
Title: ________________________________________________________________
School & District: ______________________________________________________
Phone number and email: _______________________________________________
Signature: __________________________________________________________________
Date: _____________________________

*Approval of a school official (e.g., principal, department chair) is required to apply for this grant.

Scan and e-mail applications to: info@kansas.sierraclub.org
(Digital applications are encouraged.)

Or mail applications to: Sierra Club – Kansas Chapter
Ed Rowe Education Grants
P.O. Box 8186
Topeka, KS 66608

Entries must be postmarked or time-stamped by April 6, 2020
Awards will be announced in May 2020

Important small-print stuff: Grant recipients will agree to present their projects or activities and any measurable results at a regular Sierra Club General Meeting of one of the five Sierra Club Groups in Kansas during the 2020-21 academic year. General Meetings are open to all Sierra Club members and the general public. This is a reimbursement grant awarded to the school district on behalf of the teacher-applicant. Grant recipients are required to submit receipts for all expenditures of grant funds. Detailed receipts for purchase of supplies or equipment are required prior to award of grant funds. Funds will not be distributed prior to submission of expenditure receipts. We strongly recommend working with your school or school district for expenditures and reimbursement of funds. If travel is involved, grant recipients will be expected to pay their own costs and then submit expenses for reimbursement following travel. The Kansas Sierra Club will only reimburse pre-approved expenses up to the limit of the grant amount. The Kansas Sierra Club may request evidence that the grant was used for the purpose outlined in this application. This evidence can be provided through photos, documents, and/or video and sent to the Kansas Sierra Club at the address above. If you receive a grant from the Kansas Sierra Club, we may request quotes, photos and other media-related follow-ups. We may contact you to set up a check presentation or other photo opportunity. This application constitutes your agreement to the use of photos, testimonials, and similar materials for our website, newsletter, and general publicity.

Thank you for your application. Decisions will be made by a Sub-Committee of the Kansas Sierra Club Executive Committee. Please contact info@kansas.sierraclub.org with any questions.

Amount of grant: ___________________