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**Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness  
Announces 2019 Educator Grants Program**

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) is offering science-related grants of up to \$500 for local high school teachers.

The grants can be used to fund a project in any area of science or technology that promotes an increased understanding of atomic and nuclear fundamentals, radiation and nuclear materials safety, and applications of nuclear technology.

High schools in the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, and Orangeburg; and in the Georgia counties of Columbia, Richmond, and Burke are invited to submit proposals. Teachers who are members of CNTA are also eligible to apply regardless of school location.

In 2019, CNTA wants to partner with area educators to provide innovative instruction to high school students on principles of radiation, fundamentals of radioactive materials and applications of nuclear technologies. CNTA is establishing this educator grants program to facilitate this educational outreach, said Dr. Jim Marra, CNTA Executive Director.

“We live in a radioactive world,” Marra said. “We use nuclear science and technology to power our homes, diagnose and treat serious health issues, make our food supplies safe and high yielding, and make our world better. However, the general public lacks understanding of the concepts of radiation and nuclear materials, how we can deal with them safely, and how important they are to our lives.”

Grant proposal packages have been emailed to high school principals. Applications can be completed by one teacher or a group of teachers. Proposals can be submitted for grants in any amount up to \$500.

Teachers are encouraged to work with their colleagues on a cooperative project. Proposals are encouraged to leverage and make use of existing resources, such as kits that are available at the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center.

The applications will be evaluated under criteria that includes identification and demonstration of learning objectives/curriculum concepts that will be enhanced by this grant, as well as how students will be involved and how many will be impacted.

Application must be received by CNTA by close of business on March 15, 2019. Winners and non-winners will be notified before March 29, 2019.

For a complete list of rules and to receive an application, contact CNTA at [CNTA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CNTA@bellsouth.net) or call 803-649-3456.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues.

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