

CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS

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Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness Announces 2021 Educator Grants Program

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

The grants can be used to fund a project in any area of science or technology; however, proposals that promote an increased understanding of atomic and nuclear fundamentals, radiation and nuclear materials safety, and applications of nuclear technology will be given extra consideration.

Middle and 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.

CNTA developed the educator grants program as an alternative to its classroom and field trip experiences for teachers. "The grants program is an opportunity to support local teachers in their classrooms and give them the resources to develop projects or enhance their student's experience with science and technology," 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. Proposal packages are also available online at: <https://cntaware.org/educator-grants-program/> 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 January 31, 2021. Winners and non-winners will be notified before March 31, 2021.

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

CNTA partners with other organizations and companies to provide these grants. Past sponsors included American Nuclear Society- Savannah River, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Savannah River National Laboratory, and SRSCRO.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. Find out more at www.cntaware.org.

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