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## Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness Announces 2023 Educator Grants Program

Area teachers have a chance to win up to \$500 for science-related grants from Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA).

CNTA's Educator Grants Program applications are open. K-12 teachers 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.

The grants can be used to fund a project in any area of science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM). 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.

"Teachers are critical to the success of the future of STEM, including nuclear," said Dr. Jim Marra, CNTA Executive Director. "The interest to pursue important careers in the nuclear industry is often piqued in the classroom, and we want to give students the opportunity to become fascinated with the STEM field. This starts with equipping teachers with the right tools. Our Educator Grants will help fund STEM projects and supplies."

Teachers are encouraged to work with their colleagues on a cooperative project, as well as 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.

Grant proposal packages have been emailed to school administrators. Proposal packages are also available online at <a href="mailto:cntaware.org/educator-grants-program">cntaware.org/educator-grants-program</a>.

Applications must be received by CNTA by close of business on January 31, 2023. Winners and non-winners will be notified before March 31, 2023.

For a complete list of rules and to receive an application, contact CNTA at <a href="mailto:CNTA@bellsouth.net">CNTA@bellsouth.net</a> or call 803 649-3456.

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