Aquaculture-in-the-Classroom Grant Program
Funded by FAA Hoff-Norris Pioneers of Florida Aquaculture

Statement of Intent

Florida Aquaculture Association (FAA)'s Aquaculture-in-the-Classroom grant program strives to fund existing aquaculture classroom projects that teach Florida school children about the importance of aquaculture to Florida.

Timeline

June 30   Proposals due to the FAA office.

August 15   Announcement of awards made by mail.

May 30   Report due to FAA office on the following year.

Eligible Applicants

Certified Florida teachers engaged in classroom instruction at the middle school through high school grade levels who integrate aquaculture concepts into curricula.

Grant Requirements

- Aquaculture concepts must be used.
- Students must be directly involved.
- The use of aquaculture curricula and/or materials must be demonstrated in the application and in the report.
- At least one local aquatic farmer, aquaculture industry representative, or extension agent must be involved in the project in some way as a classroom speaker, project helper, or sponsor.
- Teachers must give students involved in the grant project pre- and post-tests, and include the results of these tests in the report.
- A budget with estimated expenses listed in spreadsheet form must be included in the application.

Funding Guidelines

- Grants will be awarded from $250 to $500
- Transportation will only be considered in situations where there is a justifiable need.
- Grant money cannot be used for consumables unless the food items are an integral part of the lesson plan and the end product.
- Grant checks not cashed within 60 days after receipt will become null and void.
- A final report must be submitted by the deadline or future grant requests automatically will be denied.
- Grant checks will be made payable to the school, not to an individual.

Judging Criteria

Applications will be judged using the following criteria. There is a maximum of 100 points.

Points	Criteria
25	Ability to increase student understanding of Florida aquaculture
25	Planned program approach to integrating aquacultural concepts in the classroom
25	How the FAA grant will be used to augment the existing aquaculture program
15	Creativity, innovation and ability to address issues of concern to FL aquaculture
10	Budget and budget justification

Reporting

- The report must include documentation of grant paid expenses in spreadsheet form.
- The report should include the number of students the project actually reached and the results of the pre- and post-tests. Please include photos.
- The report is due by May 30. Afterward, any developments with the project should be submitted in a letter at the end of the school year.
- Failure to comply with these reporting requirements will result in the automatic removal of the teacher from consideration for future grant requests.

Format for Proposals

1. Must be typed on 8 ½ inch by 11 inch white paper, in 12-point type.
   (Proposals can be typed directly on the application provided or that form can be duplicated in a word processing program.)
2. Limited to the two-page application form, which will provide a thorough explanation how funds will augment existing aquaculture program.
3. Include an attachment detailing the project's budget, and in-kind contributions.
4. Include a letter of support from a school administrator.
5. Submit three copies of the proposal. Failure to submit the required number of copies will result in automatic disqualification.

Proposal Submission

The deadline for receiving grant proposals to the FAA office is June 30.

Completed proposals should be mailed to:

Aquaculture in the Classroom Grant
Florida Aquaculture Association
P.O. Box 1519
Winter Haven, FL 33882

Any questions, contact David Boozer, FAA Executive Director, at 863-293-5710

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Teacher Grant Application Form

Title of Project:_____

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School name:_____

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Contact person:_____

Contact address:_____

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Email address (required):_____

Contact phone:_____

Amount requested: $_____(maximum $500)

Purpose of project:_____

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Description of project:_____

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Academic subjects utilized:_____

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a. Describe the major Sunshine State Standards that will be incorporated in this project:

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b. Describe the curricula and materials to be used:_____

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Aquaculture concepts utilized and/or issues addressed:_____

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Number of students served:_____

Ages/grade levels of students served:_____

Projected outcomes and measurable impact:_____

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Specifically identify how the requested funds will improve/expand your current program.

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Add additional page detailing project budget and in-kind contributions.