American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Central Florida Section

**Education Grants for Elementary and Middle Schools Located in Central Florida**

Each year the Central Florida Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) provides **$30,000** in grants to elementary and middle schools in Central Florida to assist in projects which will enhance the study of math and science. This is done to encourage students who have the potential to become engineers in the future.

* This is a competitive grant, with grants ranging from **$300 to $2,500**.
* Multiple applications may be submitted per school.
* Grant requests will be judged on originality, student engagement, the completeness of your implementation plan, the number of participants, and cost value. A wow factor is encouraged.
* The school receiving the grant must be located in Central Florida between latitudes 27ᵒ N and 29ᵒ N.

Grant requests should provide for the cost of equipment, supplies and other expenses which are needed to complete a well-thought-out project. The goal is to provide educational opportunities which would otherwise not take place, and to inspire students in the STEM fields. Schools must describe in detail how they will use the funds, if awarded. 100% of these funds must be used to enhance Science and Math education.

Signed grant applications are to be received by 11:59 pm on **October 3, 2025** for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Be sure to submit:

* a scanned copy of the complete application (excluding this cover page) as a single PDF attachment
* email to Jamie Knez at [teachers@aiche-cf.org](mailto:teachers@aiche-cf.org)
* **The email subject line should read “AIChE Grant Application” for all email correspondence**.

Applicants can expect to be notified of grant approval in November. Grant funding should be received in December.

For questions or more information, please contact Jamie Knez at [teachers@aiche-cf.org](mailto:teachers@aiche-cf.org).

**Application for Education Grants for Elementary and Middle Schools**

**Eligibility:** Elementary and middle school math and science teachers may apply. To be eligible for a grant, the school must be located in Central Florida (area defined between latitude 27ᵒ N and 29ᵒ N). Only one application allowed per teacher, however, multiple teachers at one school may apply. Applications must be received by **October 3, 2025** for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

**Contact Information**

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| Name: |  |  |  |
| School: |  |  |  |
| Subject(s) taught: |  | Grade(s) taught: |  |
| School Address: |  | City, State, Zip: |  |
| Home Phone: |  | Work Phone: |  |
| Email address: |  |  |  |

**General information:**

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| 1. Project Title |  |  |
| 1. Requested Amount: |  | (not to exceed $2,500) |
| 1. Areas Addressed: | Science  Engineering Math | (choose all that apply) |
| 1. Grade level(s) participating: |  |  |
| 1. Number of students involved: |  | (estimated) |

**Grant requirements:**

* A report must be submitted to AIChE by **June 1st** stating how the needs and objectives were met, what resources were used and an overall evaluation of the project. Please include pictures of the students working on the project and the final product. Recipients may also present their final reports, using the presentation media of your choice, at a local AIChE meeting.
* If awarded, recognition of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Central Florida Chapter is appreciated in order to help spread the word about our grant program. This can be done via social media, school newsletter, marque, school website, etc.

By signing below, you agree that 100% of the funds awarded will be spent on the project described and between the project start and finish date.

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| Applicant’s Signature: |  | Date: |  |
| Principal’s Name: |  |  |  |
| Principal’s Signature: |  | Date: |  |

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**Grant Narrative:** Please provide a detailed answer for each of these questions in 200 words or less. This is a competitive grant, so be sure to include details that will “sell” your program.

1. **Project Objective:** Please provide a detailed overview of your proposed project that gives a picture of what the students will be doing and learning.
2. **Outcomes:** What are the anticipated results of your project and what do you expect the students to learn?
3. **Project Cost:** Please include an itemized list of materials with prices and specify any items that are reusable. Make sure to include the total amount requested including tax and shipping.
4. How will this project encourage students who have the potential to become engineers in the future?