

ROCHESTER COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES, INC.

REQUEST FOR AN RCSS MINIGRANT FOR A SCIENCE/MATH PROJECT

The RCSS Minigrant provides a means for math and science teachers to supplement their standard funding. The funds for these grants are provided to RCSS by various organizations and individuals in the Greater Rochester Area. Up to \$200.00 can be requested upon application, as described below. Applications will be reviewed and judged on the basis of relevance to science and math, on lasting impact on students and/or class room facilities, and other aspects, such as: innovation and creativity, new teaching concepts, long term usefulness, numbers of students served, plans to share results with others, etc... RCSS accepts applications for Minigrants from teachers in primary and secondary schools in the following eleven counties surrounding Rochester, New York: Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

The intent of the RCSS is to receive brief proposals on the attached application form, which the RCSS Board of Directors can assess with two months of the deadline. Then RCSS can distribute the grants promptly. In the event that the number of acceptable proposals exceeds the funds available, RCSS may carry over unfunded proposals that it still considers exceptionally worthy for review with the next group of proposals.

RCSS plans to make awards twice each year, with application submission deadlines on the **thirty-first of October and January**. The number of awards made will be a function of the funds available and the quality of the proposals. The grant recipients will be announced in the Science Educators' Association Newsletter.

As indicated on the form, the awardee is asked to submit a follow up report to RCSS which gives an account of how the grant was spent, what was accomplished with the proceeds, the number of students involved, the results obtained, and suggestions for project improvement.

Examples of projects might include (but are not limited to) supplies and equipment, demonstration apparatus, final funds needed to buy a more expensive piece of equipment, etc. The application might be worded: "The amount of \$XXX is requested. This money will be used for... This will enhance our science/math program in these ways... The proposed items or supplies will benefit XX students. This initiative will be carried into the future in this way..."

Please make copies of this cover letter and application and distribute them to others.