

Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grant Application

Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

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Established by his colleagues, friends and staff, the Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grant supports educators who teach science as part of their day and want to acquire and share new skills and knowledge. Congressman Vento believed in supporting students and teachers and highly valued his role as an educator in shaping his world-view. You may request up to \$1,500.

"Bruce never stopped being a teacher, and those of us who were privileged to know him have all been, at one time or another, his students. We have learned from his knowledge and leadership, and from his commitment to preserving our environment and lifting up those less fortunate. We have also been profoundly touched by his decency and genuine concern for others. He was a statesman and a wonderful person, and I will always be grateful for his warm friendship and wise counsel."

– President William Jefferson Clinton, Summer 2000

Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grants will be awarded once per school year.

Deadline:..... 4 p.m. December 8, 2017

Grants awarded by:..... March 2018

Funds to be spent by:..... August 2018

Signed and scanned applications in .pdf format are preferred and can be emailed to foundation@edmn.org.

All applications are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation—teachers and support professionals who are members of Education Minnesota.



Questions to ask yourself before beginning the application process.

- Am I an active, dues-paying member of Education Minnesota?
- Will the professional development I am seeking help me improve my job performance?
- Will I be able to participate in the professional development opportunity and share the learnings with my colleagues?

If you answered "yes" to these questions and you did not request reimbursement of the \$5 assessment to the Foundation, you should feel confident that the Foundation will give your project serious consideration.

Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grant Application: Data Sheet

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE TOPICS AND COMPLETE THE DATA SHEET.

Grant Coordinator's Name: _____

Grant Title: _____

Total Amount requested: _____

Home Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

School Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

How did you hear about this grant program? _____

Have you had any grant-writing training? _____

Have you applied to the Foundation in the past? _____

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Team Members (indicate which individuals are Education Minnesota members): _____

The Education Minnesota Foundation will only fund proposals that are the original work of the person submitting the grant request. Applicants are not permitted to submit the work of anyone else as their own.

My signature below indicates that I am the author of this proposal and I have properly attributed authorship to the extent I have based this proposal on the work of others.

Signature: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE DUE DATE.

Mail/email grant applications to:
Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103-2196
foundation@edmn.org – 800-652-9073

Note: Please expect a confirmation email within 1 week of submitting your application. If you do not hear back from the Foundation with a confirmation that your application was received, please contact Sam Jasenosky at sam.jasenosky@edmn.org or 651-292-4869.

YOUR LOCAL/AFFILIATE PRESIDENT SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Local or Affiliate Organization: _____

Local or Affiliate President's Name (please print): _____

President's Email Address: _____

My signature below indicates that I am aware of this application and should this project be awarded grant funds, the local agrees to support the member. My signature also certifies that the grant coordinator is an Education Minnesota member holding active membership status and that the local affiliate will act as fiscal agent for grant funds.

Signature of Local or Affiliate President: _____

Date: _____

Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grant Application: Narrative

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE TOPICS AND COMPLETE THE DATA SHEET.

Please use double spacing, Times New Roman 12-point type on single-sided paper. Be sure to number and label your responses, and limit your narrative length to four pages or fewer.

1. Write a one paragraph summary of your proposal and what you expect to accomplish.
2. The Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grants are given to help you improve your on-the-job skills and knowledge.
 - What skills and knowledge do you want to acquire?
 - How will increased skills and knowledge in this area help improve your working relationship with students, improve their learning, or enhance the classroom/school environment?
3. The Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grant provides funds to assist educators who teach science as part of their day.
 - Describe the learning opportunity you wish to pursue.
 - Explain why you think it will meet your needs.
 - Provide details of the learning opportunity – where and when will the learning take place?
4. Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grants are intended to have an impact on you, your colleagues, and students.
 - Predict how your new skills and knowledge will impact student learning
 - Predict how your new skills and knowledge will impact your teaching.
5. You may request up to \$1,500 for your Bruce Vento Science Educator Professional Development Grant. In a chart or table, list the following:
 - Budget expense items (e.g., conference registration, speaker fee, necessary materials) and the amount requested for each item.
 - Any in-kind or matching funds or materials you are requesting.

Your application will be reviewed only when it is considered “complete” – that is, all questions are answered, all documents mentioned above are attached, and a completed and signed data sheet is received. If all items are not received, your application will not be reviewed by the Foundation Board of Trustees.

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