

# **TEACHER GRANT AWARD**

## **THE PITTSBURGH COAL MINING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA (PCMIA) & PITTSBURGH SECTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR MINING, METALLURGY AND EXPLORATION, INC (SME)**

### **CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America (PCMIA) in partnership with the Pittsburgh Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc. (SME) is accepting grant applications from teachers to incorporate mining or mining-related themes into the curriculum at their school. With this grant, it is the PCMIA & SME's intent to assist those teachers that do not have sufficient funding for their mining related teaching curriculums. Teachers in the western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, or northern West Virginia area, **at all grade levels (K-12)**, are encouraged to submit entries.

The narrative should be a brief and concise description of your proposal. It should **1) identify the area of mining or mining-related theme to be incorporated into the curriculum, 2) how this mining area or mining related theme will be incorporated, 3) the method of teaching to be used, and 4) the expected outcome** (see entry form). While any entry that incorporates a mining or mining-related theme into the curriculum will be evaluated, the following topics should also be considered: mining exploration, development, production, health and safety issues, environmental, economic impact or uses of mining products and minerals. The narrative should cover the teaching curriculum that will be used during the school year.

It is anticipated that one [1] award will be made at the \$500 level to be used (in any manner) in conjunction with the proposed mining related curriculum. An ad hoc panel from both the PCMIA and SME will evaluate submitted entries. **Be advised, the target date for considering entries for grant funding is September 15.**

The winner of the grant will be announced and funds presented to the chosen teacher(s) at the PCMIA/SME Joint Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn-Southpointe, Pennsylvania on Thursday, October 26, 2023. At the end of the curriculum unit in which a mining theme is used, we request that a brief assessment of the program be provided to us. It is our intention to share your success on our SME Pittsburgh Section web page and with the Minerals Education Coalition ([www.mineralseducationcoalition.org](http://www.mineralseducationcoalition.org)).

SME Pittsburgh Section also provides class speakers, mineral kits, or other support for educators on a case-by-case basis. Please inquire if this will assist your project.

**Entry form available at <http://community.smenet.org/pittsburgh/scholarships>**

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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