



South Carolina Geographic Alliance

Center of Excellence for Geographic Education

**Kovacik
Geography
Grants
2014 – 2015**

About the Alliance

The South Carolina Geographic Alliance is a network of K-12 educators and university geographers using geography to improve the education of our children. Our primary goal is to bring the concepts and methods of modern geography to the K-12 classroom by providing high-quality, low cost, professional development opportunities and materials for South Carolina educators.

Kovacik Geography Grants Description

Kovacik Geography Grants are named in honor of Dr. Charles F. Kovacik, the second coordinator of the South Carolina Geographic Alliance. Dr. Kovacik was instrumental in the growth of geography education in South Carolina.

South Carolina teachers are among our best partners to increase and promote K-12 geographic literacy. These grants are meant to support their geography instruction when traditional funding options are unavailable. Proposed work should directly focus on improving instruction through the development of new curriculum materials or the acquisition of essential classroom materials and equipment. Ineligible expenses include: administrative overhead; air travel; scholarship or travel fellowships; teacher stipends; meals; SCGA products; and professional meeting fees or dues. Applications that address the geographic literacy needs of rural South Carolina and those that incorporate geospatial technologies (GIS, GPS, Remote Sensing, Internet) are especially welcome.

Eligibility

Kovacik Geography Grants are given directly to schools to promote and increase geographic literacy in the classroom and school. Grant applications are accepted from any current teacher or administrator in an accredited K-12 school within South Carolina.

Deadlines and Awards

The SCGA plans to award three grants of up to \$1,000 each during this award cycle.

Applications for work conducted during the period between July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 must be received by the close of business (5:00 PM) **April 1, 2014**. Awards will be announced by May 1, 2014.

Grant Guidelines and Application

See the attached [Kovacik Geography Grant Guidelines](#) for more information.

KOVACIK GEOGRAPHY GRANTS 2014-2015 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Deadline

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Proposal Assembly

Assemble your application as follows (a complete application should not exceed 7 pages):

1. Cover Sheet – one page
2. Project Narrative – one-three pages
3. Budget – one page
4. Supporting Documents – two pages (personal bio, school support letter)

Cover Sheet

Complete the Cover Sheet (attached). Contact information and a completed project abstract are required.

Project Narrative

Project proposals should engage and involve students in the active study of geography. The following items must be addressed within the narrative:

1. Project Description – explain specifically what activity, program, or event is proposed
2. Project Population – explain the number of students involved and their grade level
3. Learning Objectives – identification of the National Geography and State academic standards addressed by the project. Specify how this proposed work is integrated with those standards – in other words, describe how learning will occur; do not simply provide a list of standards.
4. Plan Description – how the project objectives will be met (provide a timeline)
5. Dissemination Process – how you can share your project with other teachers in your school and district
6. School Profile – briefly provide information about your school and how this project will enhance your education mission (justification). You may discuss your school's mission statement, school resources, and/or student and school performance.

Proposed Budget

Include a budget for the entire project that details and justifies why all expenditures are essential to the project. Your budget should cover each of your proposed activities and identify any additional cash support for this project you have been able to obtain from your school, a district education fund, business, local foundation, or other organization(s).

Proposal Supporting Documents

Please submit the following supporting documents:

1. A brief summary of the qualifications of the person leading the project – 1 page (please indicate if you are a member of the SCGA).
2. Letter of Support – 1 page
A signed letter of support for your proposal on school letterhead is required from your principal or superintendent indicating that they understand and endorse your project.

Project Reporting

If awarded funding, you will be required to submit a final report within one month of the completion of your project. Guidelines for this report will be provided to you. In addition, awardees are expected to present their project work at a future Geofest meeting in Columbia, South Carolina.

To Submit a Proposal

Submit three copies of your proposal to:

South Carolina Geographic Alliance
Kovacik Geography Grants
Department of Geography
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

KOVACIK GEOGRAPHY GRANTS
2014 APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Applicants: Provide all contact and budget information as requested on this sheet. Attach this page to your narrative and detailed budget.

Teacher Applicant Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Duration: _____ to _____

Total Budget: _____

\$ Request from SCGA: _____

Project Abstract:
(not to exceed 150 words)