



ACS Nebraska Local Section

Outreach Grants

The Nebraska Local Section of the American Chemical Society would like to help its members reach out to the public by **providing \$400 reimbursement** to fund outreach activities related to two ACS-sponsored events. Every group can apply for two grants per year during 2013 and 2014.

1. Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (in late April) seeks to bring international focus to environmental causes, such as clean air, water, and energy. ACS offers events, contests, and educational resources for members, chemical educators, and chemistry enthusiasts to illustrate the positive role that chemistry plays in preserving the Earth.

2. National Chemistry Week (in late October, around Mole Day) encourages chemists and chemistry enthusiasts to build awareness of chemistry at the local level. Local Sections, businesses, schools, and individuals are invited to organize or participate in events in their communities with a common goal: To promote the value of chemistry in everyday life.

The criteria for receiving the grant are as follows

(1) The applicant must be a member of the Nebraska Local Section. We strongly encourage Chemistry Clubs to offer these events. If your Club doesn't have any student members of ACS, please seek the endorsement from a Local Section member. If you don't know who they are, contact us and we'll notify the members nearest to you.

(2) You must supply answers to the application below.

Application deadline: We have a rolling deadline so you can submit any time.

1. Applicant's Name (must be a member of the Nebraska ACS Local Section)
2. Email Address (for communication) and Mailing Address (to receive the check)
3. Institutional Affiliation (Chemistry Club at XYZ; Faculty Member at ABC; other)
4. Who is your outreach target (Middle School Students; High School; the Public; other)
5. What sorts of activities will you do (gather ideas from the ACS website or local section members)
6. Approximate Date of the Event
7. Where will the event take place (at JKL School; in the HYD Mall; other)
8. How will your outreach target learn about the event (we'll coordinate with teacher Smith; we'll contact Principal Gonzales; other)
9. Promise to have at least one planning meeting two days prior to the event to discuss the entire plan with all helpers. Discuss: Who will bring the materials; Who will do which activity (and then Practice the activity); Who will clean up [It helps to give helpers a Tshirt both as a gift and as a way to distinguish helpers from the participants during the event]
10. Within a few days after the event, send a thank you to all helpers. Remind them to put this volunteer activity on their resume. Within one month after the event, send a short summary to the Chair of the Nebraska ACS Local Section (how many helpers, how many participants, any feedback or thoughts). These will be edited for publication in the Nebraska ACS Local Section Newsletter.
11. Send your itemized original receipts to the Nebraska ACS Local Section to get reimbursed for up to \$400.

At any time send your applications to: NEACSCChair@gmail.com

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