

## 2010 MINI-GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### Our Mission

*To promote the development, growth, and use of computers and technology in all facets of the educational process.*

*To assist in the professional growth and development of its members and other interested parties in the use of computers and technology.*

*To facilitate the dissemination of information concerning computing and technology.*

One way that NICE can support the teachers in the north suburban Chicago region is to provide resources in the form of a Mini-Grant program that will promote innovation and provide opportunities that may not be available otherwise. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded and paid to the school employing the grant applicant(s).

### Requests for Mini-Grants must address one or more of the NICE goals:

- Promoting student development through enrichment activities
- Encouraging teacher creativity and excellence
- Stimulating involvement between the schools and businesses
- Fostering unity throughout the schools and community
- Enhancing technological resources

**The Mini-Grant Review Committee will evaluate the quality of the project or activity, and the quality of the application. The project/activity quality will be evaluated using the following criteria:**

- Effectively articulates a project or activity of educational (academic, social/emotional or physical) merit.
- Clearly addresses one or more of the NICE goals.
- Initiates a project or aspect of a project that is new, innovative or creative.
- Actively engages a significant number of students.
- Supports teamwork to benefit student learning.

**The application quality will be evaluated using the following criteria:**

- Describes the project purpose and description clearly, concisely and accurately.
- Includes a well-conceived budget, timeline and plan for evaluation of outcomes.

Each application must be for one project/activity, although a person can submit applications for more than one grant. Each application will be evaluated independently.

Application deadline is **5 pm, March 18, 2010** at the NICE meeting at Westmoor School, 2500 Cherry Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062. Grant awardees agree to share their project/activity at the January 2011 NICE Mini-Conference. Board members of NICE are not eligible for Mini-Grants.

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Please follow the Mini-Grant Application Guidelines when completing this form. Attach additional pages as needed.

**Project/Activity Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Applicant(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject Area(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of students involved?** Directly \_\_\_\_\_ Indirectly \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose (Goal[s] of the project):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the proposed project (Methods, Materials, Procedures, etc.):**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**What is the relationship between the project and the class goals and/or curriculum?**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**How is this project unique or innovative?**

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**Will there be collaboration with groups within the school, community or others? If so, how?**

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**How do you plan to evaluate this project and share the results with other teachers?**

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**Do you anticipate continuation of this project?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a proposed timeline for the project including, at a minimum, a starting date and ending date.**

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**Budget Information**

Please provide specific details (price, shipping, etc.)

<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Will additional funds besides this grant be used in the project or needed for continuation? If so, please describe.

<i>Source(s) of Additional Funding</i>	<i>Amount</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Cost of the Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost Requested from NICE \_\_\_\_\_

***I have reviewed this application and support the project.***

Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***I certify that, if approved, the funds I am requesting will be used only for the purposes indicated in this application.***

Signature of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Submit by 5 pm, March 18, 2010, to:***

Vinnie Vrotny, NICE President  
c/o North Shore Country Day School  
310 Green Bay Rd  
Winnetka, IL 60093-4094  
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