

ZIMMERMAN APPLICATION FORM

You must submit the ENTIRE APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS.

Applications must be postmarked by November 15, 2024 (November 1st for draft review).

Note - a W-9 form will need to be completed by the successful applicant prior to the award being granted

No reimbursement will be made for field trips occurring prior to grant award notification.

Applicant Name		e-mail	
School Name:			
School Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone			
School Official		e-mail	

*NOTE: The School Official's name for this blank should be the same as that of the person signing in the "Official Approval" blank below. For public and private schools, the Superintendent's or Principal's name should be provided. For home schools, the cooperative organization's leader or another official should be named. The School Official cannot also be an applicant or participating teacher.

Signature Information

Execution of this application constitutes a grant agreement and creates specific obligations on the part of the grantee, including but not limited to, an understanding that: the awarding of all grants and the amount of any grant, shall be subject to the sole discretion of the Winnebago County SWCD Grant Review Committee (Committee); that project descriptions become the property of the Committee and if I am awarded a grant the Committee shall have the right to supply others with a description of the project and to disseminate its underlying concepts and/or ideas. If awarded a grant, I agree to submit a final report and original receipts for expenses, when the project is completed. The Committee and sponsors and/or any of its agents, officials and employees shall assume no responsibility or liability for claims of damage of any kind to property or for claims of injury to any person in connection with such a grant. Grantee agrees to comply with all requirements of this grant application and of the instruction form provided by the District, which are incorporated as part of this agreement.

- **Applicant Approval**

Printed/Typed Name of Applicant:			
Applicant Signature:		Date:	

- **Official Approval - I have reviewed the completed application and support this project**

Printed/Typed Name of Official:			
Official Approval:		Title:	

(Signature of Superintendent, Principal or Organization Official - The Official signing in this blank cannot be the same person as the Applicant named above.)

Application Check List

- Application
- W-9 form (optional but will be required during the preapproval process before the award is granted)
- All information is complete.

Submit to: Winnebago County SWCD
Education Grant
4833 Owen Center Road
Rockford, IL 61101

APPLICATION FORM – Narrative Questions

Narrative Question Instructions.

- Type and print a copy of the narrative questions and your associated responses. Attach this text to the rest of the application form. YOU MUST INCLUDE THE ENTIRE QUESTION AND ITS ASSOCIATED NUMBER FROM THE APPLICATION FORM WITH EACH ANSWER. Omitting the questions from your responses will cause your application to be disqualified even if you provided the answers. The narrative should be no more than two pages in length, single spaced, excluding the budget page and the application form.
- For applications involving collaborating teachers, please submit an application that covers the entire group.
- DO NOT INCLUDE A COVER LETTER, COPIES OF ACTIVITIES OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION NOT REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION FORM.

PLEASE NOTE: The following questions are criteria used in the judging of the application. Be brief yet complete with your responses.

Narrative Questions – Field Trip.

1. Where do you want to take the students on this field trip (destination and city)?
2. What grade level(s) do the students represent?
3. How many students will be participating in the field trip?
4. In no more than two paragraphs, summarize what the students will be doing on this field trip, how it ties into the curriculum.
5. The field trip must relate directly to Illinois' natural resources or Agricultural Systems. Explain how you are basing this field trip on one or more of these categories. Be specific.
 - a. Aquatics/Water Quality
 - b. Soils/geology
 - c. Prairies/Native plants
 - d. woodlands/forests
 - e. wildlife
 - f. agricultural/sustainable practices
6. Discuss resources being used to support this field trip other than Grant funds?
(Donations, volunteers and school resources are some examples of these other resources. Do not skip this question. If no other resources are being provided for the field trip, state that information in your response.)
7. What else would you like for the judges to know about this field trip?
8. Budget: Complete the budget form, print it, and include it with the application form. Please obtain estimates from prospective vendors. Items eligible for funding are bus transportation and substitute teacher expenses for those teachers who participate in the field trip.

Narrative Questions – School Classroom Activity/Event.

1. What activity/event do you plan to do in the school/classroom?
2. What grade level(s) do the students represent?
3. How many students will be participating?
4. In no more than two paragraphs, summarize the hands-on aspect the students will be doing, how it fits into the curriculum.
5. The activity or event must relate directly to Illinois' natural resources or Agricultural Systems. Explain how you are basing this activity/event on one or more of these categories. Be specific.
 - a. Aquatics/Water Quality
 - b. Soils/geology
 - c. Prairies/Native plants
 - d. woodlands/forests
 - e. wildlife
 - f. agricultural/sustainable practices
6. Discuss resources being used to support this activity/event other than Grant funds?
(Donations, volunteers and school resources are some examples of these other resources. Do not skip this question. If no other resources are being provided for the field trip, state that information in your response.)
7. What else would you like for the judges to know about this classroom activity/event?
8. Budget: Complete the budget form, print it, and include it with the application form. Please obtain estimates from prospective vendors. Items eligible for funding may vary based on the nature of the classroom activity or event, so use your best judgement on what to include.