2009 VISIONS for LEARNING

A Program for School Educators in the Piedmont Triad

The goal of Ecolab's grant program for school educators is to encourage and reward individual teacher's creativity and innovation in classroom learning by providing opportunities that will

1) Motivate and challenge students intellectually
2) Raise student achievement
3) Increase student understanding of academic content, including technical/vocational studies
4) Increase student understanding of the connection between school and life

The program provides materials and resources through grants **up to $3,000** to teachers in communities surrounding Ecolab facilities. **Please note**: if the educator changes schools, the grant or materials stay within the facility where the grant was originally given.

Guidelines:

- Funds are available for the purchase of materials for the purpose of increasing student understanding of academic content
- The proposal must be student interactive and improve thinking skills
- The proposal must include a detailed list (e.g., not simply "school supplies" or "various items") of requested materials
- Materials requested must be part of a curriculum plan (e.g., software will help meet specific learning goals)

Criteria:

Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by an Ecolab employee committee according to the following criteria, with top-ranked proposals receiving funding:

- Learning/improved thinking skills that will result from the project
- Relationship of requested resources to the curriculum and students
- Plan for evaluating results
- Number of students to be served
- Preference will be for projects that are sustainable
- Teacher-evaluated quality of expected individual student experience
- Priority will be given to projects that serve the most at-risk students

What will not be funded:

- Computers and computer hardware
- Staff or substitute time
- Staff development
- Ecolab product donations
- Projects that do not directly impact students
- Field trips

Application information:

Each question on the application form must be answered. Supplemental materials are not necessary, and no more than two additional pages will be accepted. **Please note, only one application will be accepted per educator.**

Deadline: Proposals must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009** whether hand-delivered, mailed through the postal service, or emailed. **Important:** If you choose to email your application, please copy your principal on the email. This will serve as the approval required on the cover sheet. All applicants will receive notice by the end of the current school year and funds will be available in time for the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

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Cover Sheet – Do not exceed one page

Date:	**School District:**
Applicants Name:	**School:**
Home Address ***(for notification purposes only)*****:**	**School Address:**
City, State, ZIP:	**City, State, ZIP:**
Home Phone:	**School Phone:**
Cost of Materials Requested: **$**	**Position/Department/Subject:**

School Demographics Indicate the percentage of your students that are:

African American: %	Asian/Pacific Islander: %	American Indian: %	Hispanic/Latino: %	Caucasian: %

Free / Reduced Lunch: %	Special Education: %	ELL: %

Summary of Project ***(2-3 sentences):***

Summary of Requested Materials ***(detailed list on subsequent page):***

One paragraph summary of purpose and expected results of proposal:

Applicant's Signature:	**Principal: please print and sign name**

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1. Briefly explain the main problem or need that this proposal addresses and what results are expected.

2. Briefly, explain how this proposal will improve student learning or thinking skills. How will resources requested contribute to that learning?

3. Describe how the materials requested relate to the **curriculum/classroom** in which they will be used.

4. Briefly explain how the results will be evaluated.

5. Approximately **how many students** will be affected by these resources and in what way(s)?

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6. How does this project compliment other subjects or courses?

7. Please check the category into which this request falls:

☐ Communications/Language Arts ☐ Math Science

☐ Arts/Music ☐ Other _____

☐ Job Skills

8. Have you received an Ecolab award before? Yes ☐ No ☐ Briefly evaluate results of that award, including anything learned (from either success or failure) that might help improve future results:

9. Are there other funding sources available for this project? Explain:

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Project Budget

Project Name:			
School:	**Teacher:**		
Expenses			
Item	**Cost each**	**Quantity**	**Total Cost**
		Total Expenses:	

Is this project supported by anyone other than Ecolab? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, list below:		
Source (school, other foundation, PTA/O)	**Status (requested or received)**	**Amount**
	Total of Other Funding	

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APPLICANT' S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

(Simply attach a resume if you wish)

Name:		**Home Phone:**
Address:		
City:	**State:**	**ZIP:**
Education (degrees/colleges/major): •		
Licensure: •		
Employment Experience (district/subject/dates): •		
Other biographical information (optional), e.g. professional organizations, community activities, recognition, etc: •		