



## Grant Program for Member Organizations

NCSEA offers its Member Organizations the opportunity to apply for the NCSEA Grant Program. This program has been developed to assist Member Organizations in growing and promoting their SEA and the structural engineering field, in accordance with the NCSEA Mission Statement.

### Eligibility

Any NCSEA Member Organization or member(s) of a Member Organization are eligible to submit a grant application. Applications must be submitted to the local Member Organization, reviewed and approved by the Member Organization, and then submitted to NCSEA for consideration.

### Criteria

A grant request can be submitted for any program that is consistent with NCSEA's Mission. Requests will not be accepted for political contributions or for the reimbursement of lobbying expenses.

Grant applications must clearly define:

- who or what group is to receive the funds;
- the exact amount of the funds;
- when it is to be spent;
- how it advances NCSEA's Mission Statement;
- how it can be leveraged with other funding.

Recently awarded grants have ranged from \$1,000-5,000.

### Evaluation Process

Grant applications are submitted via the NCSEA website. A subcommittee of the NCSEA Board of Directors (Treasurer, at-large members and the Executive Director) will serve as the evaluation committee for the grant applications. Once the winning grants are selected by the subcommittee, they must be reviewed and approved by the NCSEA Board of Directors.

In addition to the above information, several key factors will be evaluated with every grant application:

- Are there matching funds from a local Member Organization, or is the grant request serving as the primary funding source for a project?
- Will the grant request advance the practice of structural engineering?
- Is the grant request for MO operations funding (such as website updates, AMS improvements or a new computer)? If yes, the grant application must detail how the project is unique (and not just typical operational expense) and how the MO will

communicate successes back to all other MOs to ensure knowledge transfer.

Grant recipients will be contacted directly by a member of the evaluation committee and receive formal recognition at an NCSEA event.

### **Knowledge Transfer**

To ensure knowledge transfer to all MOs of the results achieved with the grant, all grant recipients agree to the following:

- After six months, a progress report will be delivered to the NCSEA Board explaining how the grant money is being used to further NCSEA's mission. This progress report must be emailed to [ncsea@ncsea.com](mailto:ncsea@ncsea.com).
- After a year, a final report will be delivered to the NCSEA Board explaining how the grant money was used to further NCSEA's mission. This progress report must be emailed to [ncsea@ncsea.com](mailto:ncsea@ncsea.com).

The grant progress reports will be used in NCSEA publications to celebrate the expanded outreach attained by the MO.

Grant recipients also must provide acknowledgment to NCSEA for any events, publications, etc. that were made possible due to the grant as well as provide documentation of expenditures. The expectation is that all projects will be completed (and monies spent) by December 31 of the year after the grant was awarded.

### **Recent Grant Recipients**

Following are examples of recent grant recipients:

- Improving SEAOL's Women's Networking Initiative to include two new events that will help women structural engineers in the Chicago area network and grow in their careers. *Grant recipient: SEAOL for \$3,000*
- Supporting the pilot program of Engineering Alliance for the Arts in Tulsa. *Grant recipient: OSEA for \$2,000*
- Helping the Young Member Group provide SE Review sessions, activities with Habitat for Humanity and Future Cities, technical tours, and networking opportunities. *Grant recipient: SEAoA for \$3,000*
- Enhancing the student chapter programs at Kansas State University, the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. *Grant recipient: SEAKM for \$1,500*
- Developing an outreach program directed to undergraduate and graduate students. *Grant recipient: SEAMW for \$2,000*
- Setting up an Engineers Alliance for the Arts Student Impact Project at a Houston High School. *Grant recipient: SEAOT for \$3,000*
- Funding for a Structural Engineering Breakfast Forum with presentations and panel discussions for University of Minnesota engineering students. *Grant recipient: MNSEA for \$1,000*
- For the Kansas State University Chapter of SEAKM to send students to structural engineering conferences throughout the U.S. *Grant recipient: SEAKM for \$1,000*
- For a technology package to improve the quality and quantity of online programming. *Grant recipient: SEAOL for \$2,670*
- To help the Young Members Group host an S.E. Exam Review, participate in student outreach, and work with Habitat for Humanity. *Grant recipient: SENH for \$3,000*

- To host a Pecha Kucha Dinner Event and Presentation developed by the Young Members. *Grant recipient: SEAMW for \$2,000*
- For an expansion of educational programming to project presentations, job site tours and plant tours. *Grant recipient: SEAC for \$3,000*
- Update the 25-year-old Snow Load Study. *Grant recipient: SEAU for \$5,000*