



Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

OR AFS Education Materials and Participation Grant

Award amount: Up to \$1,000

Grant Deadline: Monday February 15, 2024 11:59pm

Questions and Contact: Karen Hans at fishheads@peak.org 541-602-4097

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (OR AFS) is proud to announce the opportunity to apply for education materials and participation grants for up to \$1,000 each. These grants are intended for educators that teach fisheries or aquatic related sciences to grade levels k-12. Funds can be used for any education related materials or participation activities having to do with fisheries biology and aquatic related sciences; projects will be evaluated on how well they meet the below education goals. Funds can be used for durable gear (waders, nets, scientific instruments, dissecting scope/microscopes, etc.), educational signage, restoration supplies, curriculum development, bus services for fields trips, or other teaching needs.

Consistent with the National Chapter's guide to fisheries education for grades k-12, applications will be evaluated based on how well each meets the following criteria:

Goal 1. Help youth acquire a basic awareness and understanding of the total ecosystem in which fishes live; the commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries supported by that ecosystem; the issues involved in managing these fisheries; and the effects people can and do have on the resource.

Goal 2. Help youth acquire positive attitudes and values toward fishes, fishing, fisheries, and the aquatic ecosystem in general, ensuring their protection, rehabilitation, and responsible management.

Goal 3. Help youth acquire the social and technical skills to make decisions and solve problems associated with the management of fisheries and the motivation to personally act on those problems. Provide youth with opportunities for personal action and evaluation of those actions.

To apply:

Please submit a brief description of your experience and programs you intend to or are currently teaching to grades k-12, how these programs fit with any of the goals above, how your proposal will meet district or national educational standards, and a brief itemization of what the funds will be spent on. Please send applications to Karen Hans at fishheads@peak.org by the grant deadline.

Strong preference will be given to applicants that involve field experience (outside the classroom,), have collaborative partners, plan for implementation including administrative support, clearly incorporate Next Generation Science Standards into their project, include match funding or in-kind support, contribute towards the purchasing of gear or other durable goods, and have potential to benefit multiple students. While out of state applications will be considered, priority will be given to projects in Oregon.

A project completion letter detailing how OR AFS funds were spent shall be completed by December 31, 2024, or the grantor notified should a delay occur in funds being spent. For more information about the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, please visit: <http://orafs.org/>

Optional Application Template

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Please provide a description of your project/program (field project, classroom program, field trip etc.).

Describe how your project/program will help youth acquire a basic awareness and understanding of the ecosystems in which fishes live.

Describe how your project/program will help youth acquire positive attitudes and values toward fishes, fishing, fisheries, and the aquatic ecosystem.

Describe how your project/program will help youth gain social and technical skills to make decisions and solve problems associated with the management of fisheries and the motivation to personally act on those problems.

Budget: Provide itemized budget for project expenses covered by OR AFS Educators Grant. Match is not required but please feel free to provide including volunteer contributions.

Example budget:

Item	Price	Quantity	Total	ASF Request
Water Resistant Nature Journals	\$ 3.48	300	\$1046.50	\$431.58
Sunprint Paper 5x7 (pack of 30)	\$9.06	100	\$90.60	\$90.60
Reusable Rain Jackets	\$4.00	60	\$240.00	\$240.00
Small Dip Nets	\$14.95	15	\$224.25	\$224.25
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