



A. The History of STEM Camp and STEM Camp FOUNDATION

STEM Camp was started in 2013 as a federally registered not-for-profit corporation with 2 summer camps and 80 students enrolled. By 2018 our organization had grown to 46 STEM Camp sites across Ontario stretching from Windsor to Ottawa to North Bay, with thousands of young children in attendance, and providing almost 300 summer jobs to university and college students. The new STEM Camp Foundation has been created to further our efforts to help teachers and students financially explore the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through awards, grants, bursaries and scholarships. SCF operates independently, as a federally registered corporation, from STEM Camp with its own Board of Directors.

B. STEM Camp FOUNDATION MISSION

STEM Camp Foundation promotes the advancement of education in STEM (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics) fields by awarding grants to certified elementary teachers in Grades K to 8.

C. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Teachers are invited to submit an application for funding directly to the STEM Camp Foundation, based on the following guidelines:

- The operating year of the STEM Camp Foundation is September 1 to August 31 each year.
- Applications must be received by the STEM Camp Foundation by midnight **September 30th** or midnight **February 28th** each school year.
- All Applications must be submitted using the online “**Apply for a Grant**” tab on the STEM Camp Foundation website **www.stemcampfoundation.ca**.
- Awards will be made in the month following the two application deadlines, i.e., by October 31st and March 31st of each school year.
- Applicants may re-apply from year to year, whether they have been successful or not, with no guarantee that an award will be made to an applicant during the second year of a funding request. An application that has been rejected once may be re-submitted in its original form.
- The online “**Apply for a Grant**” tool must be completed as accurately as possible. STEM Camp Foundation reserves the right to reject an application which is not accurate and complete, or which does not fulfill the mission requirements of the STEM Camp Foundation.
- Grants will be awarded to teachers that further the understanding of teachers and students in all fields of STEM education. **Note:** Awards may be restricted to those areas where STEM Camp has summer camp sites across Ontario. This information is also available on our website, www.stemcampfoundation.ca.

D, FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

The STEM Camp Foundation will grant funds to teachers to carry out STEM Projects within an elementary school during the course of any one school academic year. Grants will be in the range of a minimum of \$100 up to a maximum of \$500, per application.

Note: Only *fully certified teachers* may complete the online “Apply for a Grant” tool request to the STEM Camp Foundation, and all applications must be based on the Application Guidelines as spelled out in Section C above.

PROJECT GUIDELINES *continued*

E. EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WE WILL FUND

1. STEM Club Startup

A teacher wants to start up a new STEM Club at her/his elementary school. The STEM Camp Foundation will provide seed money to get the volunteer club up and running.

2. STEM AWARD

A school wants to give a one time award to a student who has excelled in either the classroom or in a STEM Club and who shows promise to pursue a career someday in the STEM field.

3. STEM GRANT

A student shows a special interest in STEM studies and wants to do a STEM activity that she/he can share with fellow students at school either in the classroom or in an after school STEM Club event.

4. STEM CONTEST

A teacher holds a STEM contest of some kind and wants to award the winner with a sum of money that may encourage the student to keep studying towards a STEM career someday.

5. STEM CREATIVE IDEA

A student requires some financial help to work on a creative STEM idea/project on her/his own and needs some help with the purchasing of supplies to explore an idea that the teacher feels is original and/or innovative.

F. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Teachers who are successful in their grant submissions, and who have been awarded funding, are required to upload photos and a description of the approved project/activity to the STEM Camp Foundation not more than two weeks after the project/activity has been completed; i.e. after the “End Date” specified in their original Grant Application.

G. DISCLAIMER

The guidelines above are not all encompassing and final decisions on all awards is reserved to be at the sole discretion of the STEM Camp Foundation. Teachers may apply for grants as often as they wish, however, there is no guarantee that grants will be awarded to a particular applicant, or awarded more than once.

H. CONTACT

For further information about the work of the foundation and/or clarification of our eligibility rules, e-mail the STEM Camp Foundation using the contact information on our website www.stemcampfoundation.ca