



# **Education Grant Application Grades K-12 (Minneapolis / Saint Paul Post)**

**DEADLINE**  
**Friday, May 1, 2026**

## **Questions:**

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## **The SAME Mission:**

*“To promote an understanding of, and appreciation for, the engineering related disciplines and to help the young people in our communities be better prepared to become our future engineers and scientists.”*

SAME (Society of American Military Engineers) continuously strives to establish meaningful youth mentorship programs to help youth in our society to understand and better prepare themselves for engineering and science related career opportunities. The SAME education grant is a competitive program to help promote science, mathematics and engineering education and learning opportunities to students attending K-12 schools in the Minneapolis – Saint Paul, Minnesota area. Elementary and secondary schools within a 100-mile radius of Saint Paul, Minnesota are eligible for consideration or if a school has an active MSP SAME working within the vicinity.

Before submitting your proposal, please review the following guidelines to ensure that the application supports the mission.

## **Guidelines**

### **Eligibility:**

All K-12, schoolteachers who develop or apply science and mathematics which support engineering skills with their students within a 100-miles radius of Saint Paul, Minnesota are eligible. Additionally, a school can apply for the grant in coordination with a SAME MSP member as a sponsor / facilitator, even though they are outside of the 100-mile radius. It is expected that the active MSP SAME member works vicinity of the school (~ 30 miles) and is willing to facilitate the school application.

This education grant is intended for teachers and their classrooms only. You must be a teacher in a K-12 school to be eligible.

### **Proposal Length:**

Please limit length of the proposal description and rationale to no more than two typed pages. Include budget plan and application form as separate attachments.

### **Proposal Description:**

The goal of this proposal is to promote the learning of science and/or math which supports engineering to children and young people through a creative activity/project of your choosing. Provide a detailed description of the activity/project. Include a budget for the proposal of up to \$3,000. SAME will place a high value on the creativity and expected impact of the activity/project. Specify the equipment, materials and supplies required and how they will be used to promote science and engineering. Address how the project supports the Minnesota or Wisconsin academic standards for science and/or mathematics. List how many students will be impacted in the proposal. The students and faculty will be asked to present their finished product

to representatives from SAME in the spring of 2027. The presentation must demonstrate what the children or young people have learned from the experience.

### **Budget Eligibility:**

Funds may be requested for the purchase of materials, fees or expenses that enhance science and mathematics to support engineering (mathematics and sciences) for students. **Funds are NOT available to pay salaries for teachers and / or instructors.**

### **Application Procedure:**

An application must include the following in order to qualify:

1. Education Application Form (See attached)
2. Activity/Project Proposal (Not to exceed two pages)
3. Budget Plan/List of Materials (Not to exceed one page)
4. Assure that pages 4 and 5 of this application packet are completed in their entirety.

### **Review Criteria:**

The following review standards will be used to determine funding:

- Creativity and quality of proposed project
- Demonstrated demand or need for the project
- Support of the applicable state math and/or science academic standards

### **Compliance Requirements:**

The grant recipient must:

- Expend the granted funds only for the project as described in the application.
- Be responsible for completion of the project and management of funds.
- Maintain records showing expenses.
- Have the students present what they have learned to SAME representatives in spring of 2026.

Completed applications are due **May 1, 2026**, and should be emailed to Ann Banitt to: [\*\*ann.m.banitt@usace.army.mil\*\*](mailto:ann.m.banitt@usace.army.mil)

**Grant recipients will be notified on or before May 29, 2026.**



**Certification:** My signature below indicates that I have reviewed this application. Should this project/activity be awarded grant funds, the local or affiliate agrees to support the project and summarize the results and related financial expenditures. My signature also certifies that the project overview will be presented to the SAME representatives in the spring of 2027. Additionally, I authorize the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), its agents, and/or assignees the right to use, publish and copyright photographs, motion pictures or any reproductions, or like information to be used for communications to advertise or share the activities in which SAME supports.

**Authorizing Official:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Typed Name Title

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Certification:** I hereby certify that this proposal supports and enhances the curriculum or instruction of a classroom or activity of our organization and / or school. I also recognize that the equipment/technology needs for this project/activity are compatible with the technology capabilities in our building at the present time. I, therefore, recommend this proposal for consideration. Additionally, should this activity be awarded grant funds I certify that the authorizing official as indicated above has authority to represent our organization for fulfilling the requirements of this grant.

**Principal's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Typed Name Title

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Date