

Education Grants

Opsanus Fund provides grants to support education and student research. Grants are dependent on available funding and are generally less than \$300.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact us for guidance or recommendations on projects, budget, etc.

Potential applicants are encouraged to email us at grants@opsanus.org to ask questions or seek advice.

Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible for a grant:

Educators: Includes teachers at primary and secondary schools, as well as educational programs at libraries, community centers, nature centers, or other similar public locations.

Students: K-12 students completing research for a class, science fair, or other academic purpose, including independent study.

The lesson, educational program or research proposed must be related to Opsanus Fund's mission:

Opsanus Fund exists to advance the use of acoustic monitoring as a tool for monitoring ecosystem health, conservation, and education.

Examples of potential projects include the use of commercial recording devices to study the presence of birds around a school or tracking the seasonal occurrence of animals.

Requirements

Within four months (can be extended upon request) of receipt of the grant, funding recipients will be required to write a short report describing how the funding contributed to their lesson or educational program.

Recipients are also asked to provide 2-6 pictures and sound clips in .wav format, if applicable.

Pictures may be displayed on our website. All pictures capturing other individuals and/or children must have proper photo release consents according to your institution's applicable policies before being provided to Opsanus Fund.

Applying

To apply, email the required documents to grants@opsanus.org with the subject line “Education Grant - LASTNAME”.

Required documents:

1. Cover page which includes name of applicant, name of school or location the lesson or program will be delivered at, including city and state, and contact email address. Proposals from K-12 students should include a parent or guardian's email address. Cover page should include when the grant is needed to support the project, lesson, or program.
2. Description of the lesson, project, etc. This description generally should be one to two pages and include grade, number of students, whether the funding is related to a student-led project, and a description of the hypothesis and methods if applicable. If you teach at or attend a Title 1 school, you may include a statement affirming this in the description.
3. Budget - how much funding are you asking for, and exactly how will it be used?
4. For student-led projects (e.g., science fair projects, student research, etc.), a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor.