

Educational Funding Requests

The Geological Society of Maine (GSM) is pleased to grant funding to support educational programs through the Walter Anderson Fund. GSM will award grants of up to \$1,000 to help fund projects that align with the purposes for which the society was formed. Those include:

- Furthering the public awareness and understanding of the geology of the State of Maine, and of the modern geologic processes which affect the Maine landscape and the human environment;
- Developing and encouraging continuing social contact and dialogue among geologists working in Maine;
- Advancing the professional improvement of its members; and
- Informing interested persons of current and planned geologic programs in Maine.
- Supporting geoscience education and research for students in Maine at all levels (K-12, undergraduate and graduate students)

Applicants

GSM welcomes submission from groups and individuals including but not limited to undergraduate and graduate students, geology clubs, educators and/or professional geoscientists. Funding preference will be given to projects that affect larger numbers of persons. Preference may also be given to GSM members.

Successful applicants may be asked to participate in the selection of the next project and will not normally be granted further funds the year following a successful submission.

Proposals

Proposals to request funds for an activity that meets one or more of the above purposes should be brief and concise (no more than 2 pages). The project description should include:

- goals and objectives of the project
- information about the group and number of individuals the project will serve
- a line item budget including other possible funding sources and anticipated expenses (not included in page count)
- Letters of support may be included (not included in page count)

Normally GSM will not fund stipend or travel funds for an individual. Past funding has been awarded for middle student bus transport to a GSM meeting, Maine teacher workshops, and partial support for geology club field trips.

Submissions

The Executive Committee will consider proposals in September and in March of each year. Proposals are due by the first of those months. Awards will be announced at the Fall and Spring GSM meetings. The actual number of funded projects and the amount of total funding will be determined by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reserves the right to make no award if it determines that no proposal meets the requirements in an acceptable manner.

Electronic submissions are preferred and should be emailed to a current officer of the GSM. Contact information can be found on the website (www.gsmmaine.org).

Report

A final report detailing the expenditures and the results of the project should be submitted within one year after the request approval.