



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

Louisiana Section

## **Proposal Requirements Louisiana Section Adopt-A-School Program**

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The primary purpose of the Louisiana Section Adopt-A-School program is to select an elementary or middle school to which the Louisiana Section will award a cash donation for use at the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade level in the area of science education. It is the Louisiana Section's desire that the funds be allocated to a specific project or purpose rather than simply becoming assimilated into the school's general fund. In addition to the cash donation, the Louisiana Section also endeavors to assist the school in its program for the year by providing Environmental Resource Guidebooks to aid teachers by providing lesson plans geared towards environmental education. The Louisiana Section normally awards up to three grants (one at \$1,500 and two at \$1,000); however, actual amounts and number of awards can vary based on budgetary constraints.

### **Proposal Requirements**

No specific form for the proposal is required. The proposals will be evaluated equally on need and quality of the proposed program. The Louisiana Section requests that, at a minimum, the following information be provided regarding the school being nominated:

1. General background information about the school, including:
  - a. the number of students in school and in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades, as applicable; and
  - b. the demographics of student population.
2. The significance the cash donation would have in the school's overall program of science education, specifically:
  - a. a clear explanation of why the school needs the grant, and
  - b. the total number of students who will benefit from the grant.
3. Specific information regarding the intended use for the funds and the need for teacher training in the environmental sciences. For your information regarding the quality of the program requirement,

the more project-oriented grant requests tend to score higher points with the judges than simple grant requests for money for the school's general science funding.

Ideally, but not a requirement, a Louisiana Section member nominating a school should be involved with the school and would be expected to act as liaison between the association and the school in the presentation of the award and any additional activities scheduled for the school during the year.

Recipients of the grant will be requested to attend a Louisiana Section dinner meeting in New Orleans in January to receive the funds. Attendance is encouraged, but not required. Details will be provided at a later date.

### **Submittal of Proposals**

Proposals should be received (either electronically or by mail) no later than 5pm December 20, 2015. Please address them to Corey Gautreaux at the address information listed below:

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