



## FUNDING PRIORITIES

# NORTHERN CHAUTAUQUA ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the fund is to increase public knowledge of environmental issues in Chautauqua County, particularly those relating to Lake Erie and its watershed.

### **Who is eligible to receive a grant from the Northern Chautauqua Environmental Fund?**

Environmental organizations that are recognized as non-profit tax exempt under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. Educational institutions and other public agencies (agencies of the state, county or local government) are eligible to apply.

Individuals interested in applying for a grant must be affiliated with an eligible organization.

### **What types of activities will be funded?**

A broad range of educational activities will be funded, including educational events, hands-on educational experiences, stipends for internships and lectures. Research projects are permitted, providing that the research is shared in a useful manner.

Priority will be given to applications involving Lake Erie or its watershed.

Grants will not be made for lobbying or political purposes.

### **What size grants will be made?**

In most instances, grants will be no greater than \$500.

### **How will grant applications be judged?**

Applications will be judged by: the potential impact of the project (particularly lasting benefits); the number of individuals who will benefit; the efficient use of grant dollars; the use of partnerships; the promotion of volunteerism; and, the demonstrated ability of the organization to implement the project. No project is expected to address all of these areas.

### **When can an organization apply?**

Applications will be accepted until **January 10<sup>th</sup>** of every year. Awards will be announced in February.

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# GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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Name of organization

Date:

Contact person:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

Amount requested:

Total project cost:

Project title:

Brief description of proposed project (including goals and objectives):

What will be accomplished? By when?

What long-term impacts can be anticipated?

Project budget (total income, source of income & total expenses):

What is your total organizational budget for the year?

What are your principal sources of support?

Please tell us more about your organization (mission, current activities, geographic area served; year founded; membership; etc.):

Please attach the following:

- IRS 501 (c) 3 letter of determination
- Board list
- Staff list
- Most recent financial statement
- Budget for current year