

AEROS FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

Before You Begin

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding through the Aeros Foundation Grant Program. Our mission is to inspire and educate the next generation of students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by supporting youth-led academic organizations, projects, and competitions throughout the Chicago area. Grants typically range from \$250–\$1,000 and are intended to help students overcome financial barriers to meaningful STEM experiences. Proposals are assessed on a rolling basis and applicants can expect to be notified of a decision within two weeks of submission. Priority is given to new applicants and to projects that would otherwise go unfunded without critical support.

Applicant Information

Primary Contact

Full Name:

Preferred Pronouns (Optional):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

School/Organization:

Grade (if applicable):

Role within Organization (President, Captain, Treasurer, Member, etc.):

Secondary Contact (Optional)

Full Name:

Role:

Email Address:

Faculty Advisor / Adult Sponsor (if applicable)

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Year Founded:

Website and/or Social Media (Optional):

Which best describes your organization? (Select all that apply.):

☐ Robotics

☐ Aerospace

- ☐ Biomedical
- ☐ STEM Club
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Environmental Science

- ☐ STEM Competition Team
- ☐ Community STEM Program
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Science Research
- ☐ Other: _____

Is your organization:

- ☐ School-affiliated
- ☐ Community organization

- ☐ Independent nonprofit
- ☐ Other: _____

What is your organization's mission? (Maximum 150 words)

Approximately how many people are involved in your organization?

Student Members:

Student Leaders:

Adult Mentors/Coaches:

Who does your organization primarily serve? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Elementary School Students
- ☐ High School Students
- ☐ Underserved Communities
- ☐ First-Generation Students
- ☐ General Student Population

- ☐ Middle School Students
- ☐ College Students
- ☐ Girls in STEM
- ☐ Students with Disabilities
- ☐ Other: _____

What geographic area do you serve?

- ☐ School Only
- ☐ Chicago
- ☐ Illinois

- ☐ School District
- ☐ Chicagoland
- ☐ Other: _____

Funding Request

Amount Requested:

Project Title:

What will these funds support? (Select all that apply.):

- ☐ Competition Registration
- ☐ Materials & Supplies
- ☐ Software
- ☐ Outreach Event
- ☐ Scholarships

- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Prototype Development
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ Educational Programming
- ☐ Other: _____

Describe your project or funding request. Please explain what you hope to accomplish, why the project is important, and how the requested funding will help. (Maximum 300 words):

Itemized Budget

Item	Cost	Purpose

If your request is only partially funded, how would you use a smaller award? (Maximum 150 words)

Mission Alignment & Impact

How does this project advance STEM education or opportunities for students? (Maximum 250 words)

What impact do you expect this project to have on the students or community you serve? You may wish to discuss access to STEM opportunities, technical skill development, leadership, introduction to STEM careers, etc. (Maximum 250 words)

Why is this project important to your organization at this time? (Maximum 150 words)

Financial Information

Has your organization already received funding for this project?:

If yes, please provide:

Funding Source:

Amount Received:

Purpose of Funding:

Are you currently applying for funding from other organizations?:

If yes, please list the organizations:

Approximately what is your organization's annual operating budget?

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| ☐ Under \$500 | ☐ \$500–2,500 |
| ☐ \$2,500–5,000 | ☐ \$5,000–10,000 |
| ☐ Over \$10,000 | |

Would receiving this grant enable something that otherwise could not happen? Please explain.
(Maximum 100 words)

Outcomes & Accountability

Who will benefit from this project? Please estimate the number and type of people who will be impacted (students, schools, community members, etc.).

How will you measure the success of your project? Examples may include number of students reached, competition participation, events hosted, etc. (Maximum 150 words)

If awarded funding, are you willing to submit a brief follow-up report describing how the funds were used and the impact of your project?

Additional Information

How did you hear about our foundation?

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| ☐ School | ☐ Teacher or Coach |
| ☐ Social Media | ☐ Friend or Student |
| ☐ Community Organization | ☐ Internet Search |
| ☐ Other: _____ | |

If awarded a grant, would you be willing to have your organization featured on our website or social media?

May we contact you about future grant opportunities, events, or partnership opportunities?