

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S
PROGRAMS

Grable-Curtis Rural Teacher Grants
Geography Action! 2005 – Migration: The Human Journey

With resources provided by our Grable-Curtis Fund, the National Geographic Society is providing grants of up to \$500 to help teachers educate students about cultural diversity and understanding.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants for a Rural Teacher Grant must currently be a classroom teacher or school administrator in an accredited K-12 public or private school in a rural area. The Society has a special interest in supporting teachers in Idaho and Maine.

Funding Priorities

Education and Children's Programs is particularly interested in supporting education on human migration in the following areas:

- ◆ Classroom, school, or district-wide efforts that support cultural education;
- ◆ Hands-on and field experiences directly involving students and teachers learning about different cultures;
- ◆ Projects encouraging community or cultural awareness and participation; or
- ◆ Professional development for teachers in cultural geography.

Ineligible Requests

Grants may not be used for administrative overhead; air travel; capital or deficit expenses; computer hardware or software; scholarships; or travel fellowships. Purchase of specific classroom materials and equipment must be justified as essential to the project.

Legal Status

Teacher Grants are generally awarded to organizations (usually your school) that can provide evidence that they are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or an organization to which contributions are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

How to Apply

Applications must be received by Education and Children's Programs no later than **August 15, 2005**. Awards will be announced in early October. Send 3 stapled copies of the application to: Grable-Curtis Rural Teacher Grants, National Geographic Society Education and Children's Programs, 1145 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-4688.

Completing a Grable-Curtis Rural Teacher Grant Application

Applications should be submitted by a single teacher or—in the case of a group project—by the team leader. Each application must include:

- ◆ Completed cover page (see next page);
- ◆ Letter of support from your principal or superintendent;
- ◆ Three-page proposal describing the project and budget, including each of the following:
 - a) What issues, problems, or needs relating to cultural awareness and human migration will you address?
 - b) What are the project's measurable objectives and concrete indicators of success?
 - c) Identify the number of students and/or teachers who will benefit from the project.
 - d) What activities are planned? Include a time-line--all projects must be completed by May 1st, 2006.
 - e) Describe the qualifications of the person leading the project.
 - f) Include a detailed budget for the entire project. Expenditures from the Society's grant must be detailed and justified as essential to the project.
 - g) Although not required, evidence of community support will enhance a proposal's potential for success. Support should demonstrate community outreach and involvement, and can be in the form of cash, in-kind services, volunteer time, products, and personnel. What cash and/or in-kind support for this project have you been able to obtain from other organizations? If none, do you plan to approach other organizations for support?

Project Timeline

All projects must be completed by May 1st, 2006.

Reporting Requirements

A two-page narrative report describing the project's accomplishments and a one-page financial accounting of expenditures will be required at the completion of the project.

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Cover Page

Date: _____

Teacher name: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Home fax: _____

School name: _____ Grade level taught: _____

School address: _____

School phone: _____ School fax: _____

Principal/Contact: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Summary: _____

(75 words or less) _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date: _____

Amount Requested from NGECP: _____ Total Cost of Project: _____

Please complete each item. This form must accompany all proposals. Return to: Grable-Curtis Rural Teacher Grants, National Geographic Society Education and Children's Programs, 1145 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-4688.