

SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose

The School Safety Grant Program is established to encourage and promote the active participation of site personnel and students in ensuring the overall safety of their environment.

Description

Each site or program is eligible to apply for a grant, which will be awarded for site safety purposes and may include the following:

- ◆ Physical corrections or improvements
- ◆ Replacement of unsafe equipment
- ◆ Promotion of student safety awareness
- ◆ Improvement of instructional safety (i.e., science, industrial arts, etc.)
- ◆ Improvement of staff safety practices

Funding

The NBSIA safety grant program is funded at \$10,000. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be selected from among the district winners.

Winners are chosen and notified in January, and grant projects must be completed by the end of December. Grant awards will be paid as reimbursements to the winners (sites) for costs incurred within the scope of the project. In order to receive reimbursement, the site must submit a letter to NBSIA indicating the project is complete, as well as copies of paid vendor invoices.

GRANT APPLICATION/AWARD PROCESS

Criteria

The following minimum criteria must be met in order to be eligible for the grant program (districts may establish additional requirements):

- ◆ Program objectives, expected results and benefits must be defined
- ◆ Budgets must be developed and itemized
- ◆ Timelines must be established and attainable
- ◆ Accountability and monitoring of the grant is a must

Additionally, in selecting the winner, the Risk Management Committee will be looking for those applications that exhibit the greatest involvement of the student body in the development and implementation of the grant.

Pool Level Safety Grants

At the pool level, the winner from each district will compete for one of three top prizes as follows:

- 1st Prize: up to \$5,000*
- 2nd Prize: up to \$3,000*
- 3rd Prize: up to \$2,000*

**Any funds remaining after the winners and prizes have been determined may be distributed to the top three winners as needed, based upon the dollar amount requested on their application.*

All applicants not awarded prizes will be recognized for their efforts.

The winners will be determined by NBSIA staff using a ballot system.