

SCCTM News April 12, 2021

Teacher Grant Application

Deadline Extended Until April 30

The South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (SCCTM) will provide grant funds of up to forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) in any given year (given appropriate budget funding) to support SCCTM members desiring to implement projects in mathematics-related areas. No individual grant will exceed 1,500.00.

To apply, the [online form](#) must be completed by April 30. Announcement of the grant recipients will be made on or near the date of June 15.

Details can be found [here: http://scctm.org/Grants](http://scctm.org/Grants)

Conference News

SCCTM Fall Conference 2021 Special Agents of Δ Academy Columbia, S.C. November 11-12, 2021

The idea of “change” within the context of the 2021 SCCTM Annual Conference and Business Meeting in Columbia, SC, addresses multiple ideas because, if nothing else, COVID-19 has forced us all to make changes. In addition to the idea that the entirety of the field of education has had to make significant change, we’d like to use components of the key recommendations from NCTM’s Catalyzing Change: Initiating Critical Conversations as a guide for the conference theme.

Registration: [Registration Link for the 2021 SCCTM Conference: https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-4174280](https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-4174280)

Super-early bird rates are available through May 1, so register early! Follow the link above to see the current rates.

Speaker Proposals: [Speaker Proposal Google Form for 2021 Submissions: https://forms.gle/ryLpSxNVz9xPP5cJ9](#)

Vendor Registration: [Vendor Registration Link 2021 SCCTM Conference: https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-4172622](https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-4172622)

Vendors must obtain the code from Lane Peeler. exhibits@scctmconference.org

Conference 2020 Videos: Links to Conference and Exhibits videos from the 2020 Virtual Conference Series are available on our website at <http://scctm.org/conferences>. You will need to be logged into the website and enter through the link on the Conference page.

The Mathmate

The MathMate is seeking manuscripts, lesson ideas, or activities. Share your ideas with the MathMate editor, Leigh Martin, at mathmate@scctmconference.org. The deadline for our May publication is March 15.

The updated due dates for submission are as follows for the May publication:

- March 15th - articles for review are due
- April 30th - articles needing revisions or rewrites must be resubmitted

Use the following link to find submission guidelines: <http://www.scctm.org/The-MathMate>

Government Relations

Current SC Legislation Impacting Mathematics Education

Top Issues:
Standardized Testing
Non-Certified Teacher Hires
...and more

Tuesday afternoon, S.704, requiring districts offer 5-day in-person instruction, will be reviewed by the House Education and Public Works Committee. Please refer to the linked government relations report below and contact your legislator in support or opposition of S.704.

To view the full government relations report, [click here](#).

This information has been provided from scstatehouse.gov and the PSTA Legislative Action Network.

Join or Renew NCTM membership

We encourage you to join NCTM. When you join or renew please use the following affiliate code SCCTMLC21

Professional Development Opportunities

Join us for the upcoming 3-D Thursdays for Rural Educators on Thursday, May 6th at 7pm CT for a freestyle conversation with NASA's Dr. Caitlin Ahrens and Dr. James Green to learn about their journeys from rural America to NASA. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and chat with these scientists to learn about their research, leadership, and advice to students who wish to take a similar path. Invite your K-12 students and any educator who wishes to support rural students in their STEM journeys to NASA!

This webinar is suitable for all grades K-12.

Access the [flyer](#) and registration [HERE](#).

Note: Students under 18 years old MUST use their teacher or legal guardian's information for registration. We also ask that if teachers share their registration link with their students, they or the students' legal guardians must attend the webinar for supervision.

Also, we are pleased to share our past episodes with you from our updated [NASA Community Page](#). Feel free to watch former episodes and reach out to the guests for further resource information!

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We hope to see you all on May 6th!

Best,

Rachael Arens, EdD Candidate

Albert Einstein Fellow at NASA

AFA/Rolls Royce 2020 National Teacher of the Year

Presidential Award for Environmental Education

SCCTM Volunteers

Can you help SCCTM? We are looking for educators who have the time, talent, and willingness to contribute in order to help our state math organization grow stronger and be better able to serve our membership. Please complete the questionnaire below in order to volunteer with SCCTM. At any time, you may contact the SCCTM Executive Director, Cindy Parker: director@scctmconference.org or SCCTM President: president@scctmconference.org if you have any questions or other ideas about volunteering for or assisting SCCTM. Time and Talents Volunteer form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxr5XIA4PrGZhUbd_MINO9fcSwWctSjJjWyX3YpfOmG5wd9g/viewform

Donations to SCCTM

As many of you know, the annual in person conference that SCCTM has held each year for decades helps SCCTM earn the funds in order to support the scholarship and grants programs. SCCTM has always been able to keep membership and conference registration fees low due to the support from the vendors who reserve exhibit hall booths and so generously make donations toward the coffee breaks and reception for our members. Without the conference and its exhibit booth sales, our finance committee has had to rework and rethink what is now a very constricted budget.

If you are able to help support SCCTM at this time, you may donate online at: scctm.org/donations or you may mail a check made out to SCCTM, 6 Sandalwood Lane, Sumter, South Carolina 29154.

Submissions for the e-blast

The SCCTM sends out a monthly news blast. The format for submissions is a short (less than 250 words is suggested) description paragraph and links to any flyers or forms on the originating organization's website/storage. This format avoids us housing other organization's documents/flyers on our listserve server's limited space. All submissions must also support our mission as stated on our website:

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Requests from organizations outside SCCTM need to be in by the first of the month for inclusion in that month's e-blast, because they have to be approved by our editorial committee.