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CERTIFICATE


STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BOARD)

I, Chairperson of the Environmental Education Board and custodian of the official records of said board, do hereby certify that the annexed rule relating to environmental education programs was duly approved and adopted by this Board on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Board and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand at the General Executive Facility (GEF) 3, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, in the city of Madison, this 23rd day of May, 1991.



Monte Hottmann
Chairperson
Environmental Education Board

ORDER OF THE
WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BOARD
CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board hereby creates ch. EEB 2,
relating to environmental education grants.

ANALYSIS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BOARD

Statutory authority: ss. 115.375 (2) (c), and 227.11 (2) (a), Stats.

Statute interpreted: ss. 115.375, Stats.

1989 Wisconsin Act 299 created s. 115.375, Stats., which creates an environmental education board attached to the Department of Public Instruction under s. 15.03, Stats. Also, s. 20.255 (1) (cp), Stats., provides \$200,000 for an environmental education grant program to be administered by the environmental education board. Under this program, nonstock, nonprofit corporations and public agencies may apply for grants to develop, disseminate, and present environmental education programs. Grant recipients must match at least 25% of the amount of the grant with private funds or in-kind contributions. Grants must address priority needs established by the board following consultation with state agencies, conservation and environmental groups, youth organizations and nature and environmental centers.

The rules establish procedures and primary and secondary criteria for awarding grants.

These rules were promulgated as emergency rules effective October 22, 1990.

SECTION 1. Chapter EEB 2 is created to read:

CHAPTER EEB 2

GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

EEB 2.02 DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Corporation" has the meaning given in s. 115.375 (2) (a) 1, Stats.
- (2) "EEB" means the environmental education board created under s. 15.375 (3), Stats.
- (3) "Fiscal year" means the period from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the following year.

(4) "Process skills" means those mental activities such as classifying, ordering, understanding spatial relationships, inferring, predicting, measuring, quantifying, analyzing, and interpreting in which observations made through the senses are processed and refined.

(5) "Public agency" has the meaning given in s. 115.375 (2) (a) 2, Stats.

(6) "State agencies" has the meaning given in s. 35.001 (4), Stats.

EEB 2.03 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES. (1) Annually by May 30, the EEB shall do the following:

(a) Advise and assist the state superintendent of public instruction in establishing priorities for environmental education in public schools to be used in the event that the amount of appropriations is insufficient to fund all applications.

(b) Advise and assist other state agencies, including the university of Wisconsin-extension, conservation and environmental groups, youth organizations and nature and environmental centers in identifying needs and establishing priorities for environmental education.

(c) Establish funding limits based on the amount of money appropriated for the program and determine a date by which applications must be received by the EEB.

(2) Following the establishment of the priorities, funding limits and application deadlines under sub. (1), the EEB shall provide notice to corporations and public agencies as follows:

(a) By letter to all corporations and public agencies which applied for a grant in the previous year whether or not the applicant received a grant.

(b) By letter to all corporations and public agencies which request this notice in writing.

(c) By a notice inserted one time in the official state newspaper.

(i) Assurances for the following:

1. A matching contribution of at least 25% of the amount of the grant shall be provided. Private funds and in-kind contributions may be applied to meet the matching fund requirement.

2. Grants awarded may not be used to supplant funding from other sources.

NOTE: The Request for Proposals and Application Guidelines, Wisconsin Environmental Education Grants Program, may be obtained at no charge from the Environmental Education Board, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

(3) The EEB shall provide for the review of applications submitted and shall determine which applicants will receive grant awards as follows:

(a) Primary criteria used in awarding grants shall include the following:

1. The extent to which the application justifies the need for the project, identifies the target audience, and relates it to one or more of the priority needs established annually by the state superintendent as specified in s. EEB 2.03 (1)(a).

2. The extent to which the environmental education goals and related measurable objectives help the target audience of the environmental education program acquire one or more of the following:

a. Observational and other process skills which contribute to an awareness of and sensitivity to the total environment and its problems.

b. Basic information about the natural environment in order to understand how it functions, how it is affected by human activity and how harmony between human activity and the natural environment can be achieved.

c. Feelings of concern for the environment and the motivation to actively participate in environmental maintenance and improvement.

d. Skills needed to identify, investigate and take action toward the resolution of environmental issues.

e. Experience in working individually and collectively toward the resolution of environmental issues.

3. The extent to which the application describes the project activities to be completed during the duration of the project.

4. The extent to which the measures used will evaluate the achievement of the project's environmental goals and objectives.

5. The extent to which the project activities will continue after the grant period is completed.

6. The extent to which the project staff are qualified to deliver the environmental education program.

7. The extent to which the project is innovative or exemplary.

(b) Secondary criteria used in awarding grants shall include the following:

1. To the extent possible, grants shall be awarded to corporations and public agencies in communities of various sizes so there is equal distribution throughout the state in both rural and urban areas.

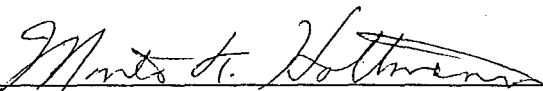
2. To the extent possible, grants shall be awarded to corporations and public agencies submitting applications serving the largest target audience.

3. To the extent possible, grants shall be awarded to corporations and public agencies submitting applications which indicate cooperative efforts between corporations and public agencies.

(4) Under 115.375 (2) (e), Stats., no more than one-third of the total amount awarded in grants in any fiscal year may be awarded to state agencies.

The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month commencing after the date of publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1991



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