



FY2007-08 GRANT INFORMATION FOR PROJECTS & INTERNSHIPS

Mission of The Rockfall Foundation:

Rockfall is a charitable non-profit organization founded in 1935 by Colonel Clarence S. Wadsworth. Continuing his tradition of philanthropic activity in Middlesex County, Rockfall holds and manages open space property, preserves and operates the historic deKoven house as a community center, and supports environmental projects, grants, and educational programs.

The Rockfall Foundation will continue its role as catalyst, working with other organizations to support relevant community services and enlightened means of natural resource conservation, preservation, and development which contribute to the improved quality of life for people in Middlesex County.

Grants for Projects & Internships:

Rockfall provides grants in support of environmental education activities, planning projects, and internships. The goals of the grants program are to preserve and enhance the environment in Middlesex County and to increase public knowledge of and respect for its natural resources.

While there are specific criteria and eligibility requirements listed below, the guidelines are purposely broad to encourage a wide range of applicants and innovative proposals.

General Guidelines:

When preparing your proposal, it is important to relate to The Rockfall Foundation's mission and the goals of the grants program.

Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate the ability to serve as a model throughout the County.

Priority also will be given to projects that relate to the theme of the Annual Rockfall Symposium: Strategies that encourage community growth to meet social, environmental, and economic goals so that growth in Middlesex County can exist in harmony with the environment.

Special consideration will be given to projects that impact youth, and to proposals that integrate activities with local, standards-based curricula.

Specific Criteria and Eligibility Requirements:

1. Organizations must be certified as not-for-profit under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(3), a municipal or public entity, or an individual.
2. Proposed project or internship activities should take place in Middlesex County or have a demonstrable influence on the County's environment.

3. Each applicant must include a detailed budget and detailed schedule of proposed activities highlighting anticipated completion dates.
4. Each grant requires a match of equal value from the applicant in the form of funds, services, equipment, or other in-kind contributions. The proposed budget must show how and where the match will be used. A letter from the source listed as providing the match must be included in the application confirming that matching funds are available by the time the application is filed.
5. Experienced supervision must be provided for the proposed project.
6. Proposed internships must provide a significant environmental education and/or research opportunity for a college student. A detailed summary letter from the intern to the Rockfall Foundation is required at the end of the internship, in addition to the grantee's final report.
7. Each applicant must detail expected results and agree to submit a final report by February 1, 2009 that details the project outcomes with copies of resulting publications and/or maps, and six captioned slides or photos of activities and/or results.
8. Each applicant must agree to prepare and supervise a tabletop exhibit showing the plan, partial progress, or completed project at the Rockfall Symposium in the Fall of 2008.

Application Deadline:

Six copies of the completed application form must be submitted by **4:00 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2007** to The Rockfall Foundation, 27 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457. They may be mailed instead if postmarked no later than November 5th.

Grants will be announced and funds will ordinarily be available by February 15, 2008.

Sample Grants Awarded Recently:

Camp Hazen YMCA, Chester, "Hazen Field Guide" to develop a comprehensive field guide describing plants and animals at Hazen's 150 acres of woods, fields, wetlands, and cedar swamp.

City of Middletown, Department of Public Works, "Freedom Lawn Education Campaign" to encourage residents to maintain their lawns using environmentally beneficial lawn care practices

Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, Inc., Middletown, "Pond Health Check - Field Assessment Method and Resource Packet" to develop and widely disseminate an educational resource packet for landowners.

Maritime Education Network, Inc, Old Saybrook, "Pollution Awareness - Saving our Planet" hands-on education program covering point and non point source pollution and floatable debris for local public elementary school students

Portland High School, "Eagle Scout Outdoor Classroom Project" outdoor classroom using High School greenhouse for expanded environmental education curriculum

Tidewater Institute, Old Saybrook, "River Processes - Short Course for Land Use Decision-Makers in the Lower Connecticut River Region" site specific ecological training and education

We look forward to hearing from you!