

# Dan Wolz Clean Water Education Grant

## **Description:**

The Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) is pleased to announce the “Dan Wolz Clean Water Education Grant” for this year. The Dan Wolz Clean Water Education Grant was established twelve years ago to heighten public awareness of the career opportunities our industry has to offer and to improve the quality and quantity of clean water community education in Michigan’s public schools. Dan Wolz was a true environmental steward of the Earth. Thus, in recognition of the passion Dan had for education, this award continues to reach hundreds of Michigan students.

## **Details:**

The MWEA partners with the Michigan Science Teachers Association to identify those teachers who have a great program and are in need of financial assistance to execute a project within a curriculum focused on water environment issues.

As a grant recipient, the teacher will be provided with:

- Complimentary conference registration and one night stay in a hotel for the MSTA Annual Conference (to accept the award in the year given and to attend/present at the following year’s conference).
- Your school employer’s cost for substitute pay will be covered both years.
- Complimentary conference registration and one night stay in a hotel for attendance at the Michigan Water Environment Association’s Annual Conference the year following award. Mileage for travel to this conference is reimbursed.
- \$1,500.00 cash award for purchase of classroom and project supplies.

Following the use of the Dan Wolz Education Funds and implementation of classroom projects the following school year, the recipient is expected to:

- Give a 30-40 minute presentation as a featured speaker at the MSTA Annual Conference.
- Give a 15-20 minute presentation at the MWEA Annual Conference.
  - Write an article for both the MSTA newsletter and the MWEA magazine describing your experiences implementing the classroom project.

**Grant Application Process:** Grant applications are published in the summer issue of the MSTA newsletter, with an October 31, 2018 submission deadline.

Determination of the award recipient will be made in November. The award will be presented at the MSTA conference in March 2019 at the awards banquet. This year, the award will be given to two K-12 MSTA science teachers.

## **Process and Procedures for Applying:**

1. The Dan Wolz Clean Water Education Grant application is available in this newsletter.

2. Submit the application by October 31, 2018 to:  
susantate@whitehallschools.net with “Dan Wolz Award” in the subject line.
3. The MSTA Awards Committee and MWEA will make determination jointly.
4. Determination of the award winner(s) will be made by the end of November 2018, with notification occurring in December. Applications can be considered for at least two years.
5. The Award recipient(s) will be introduced at the MSTA Conference during the awards banquet in March 2019.

**Expectations** of the award recipient(s):

- Be available to accept this award at the MSTA Conference Awards Banquet in March 2019.
- Write an article for both the MSTA and MWEA newsletters
- Give presentations at both the MSTA (March) and MWEA (June) state conferences in 2020.

Past recipients of the Dan Wolz Education Grant:

2007 – Mary Lindow, Battle Creek

2008 – Emily Curry, Jackson Public Schools

2009 – John Martin, Waterford School District

-Randy Cook, TriCounty Schools

2010 - Gary Cousino, Rochester Community Schools

-Douglas Morrison, Manistique Middle School

2011 – Susan Tate, Whitehall Middle School

2012 – Chris Groenhout, Grandville High School

2013—Dave Chapman, Okemos High School

2014—Tammy Coleman, Lowell High School

2015—Josh Nichols, Heritage Elementary School

John Travis, Williamston Community Schools

2016—Connie Atkisson, Thirkell Elementary-Middle School, Detroit Public Schools

Lea Sevigny, Central Middle School, Forest Hills Public Schools

2018--Holly Hereau, Thurston High School, South Redford Schools

For more information about the award go to: <https://www.mi-wea.org/cweg.php>

For grant application questions, please contact [susan\\_tate@msta-mich.org](mailto:susan_tate@msta-mich.org)

For more information about the Michigan Water Environment Association go to

<https://www.mi-wea.org/>



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### Rubric

Criteria	Unsatisfactory (0 - 9 points)	Basic (10 - 14 points)	Average (15 - 19 points)	Above Average (20 - 25 points)	Distinguished (26 - 30 points)
<b>Project Description</b>	Project not clearly defined	Project description is marginal.	Adequate project description.	Proficient project description.	Superior description of project
<b>Connection to Michigan Science Standards</b>	No Connection to Michigan Science Standards	Marginal reference to Michigan Science Standards	Adequate reference to Michigan Science Standards	Reference to Michigan Science Standards is proficient.	Detailed connection to Michigan Science Standards
<b>Dissemination Plan</b>	Does not articulate a dissemination plan	Marginal evidence of dissemination plan	Adequate evidence of dissemination plan	Proficient evidence of dissemination plan	Detailed dissemination Plan
<b>Sustainability</b>	No evidence of sustainability	Marginal evidence of sustainability	Adequate evidence of sustainability	Evidence of sustainability is proficient	Details evidence of Sustainability
<b>Links to Grant Goals and Results</b>	Application does not have a link to the stated goal and intended results of the grant	Poor attempt to link to the goal and intended results of grant	Adequate attempt to link to the stated goal <b>or</b> intended results of the grant.	Application is linked to the stated goal <b>and</b> intended results of grant.	Distinguished link to the stated goal and intended results of grant.

The goal is to enable Michigan teachers to be aware and promote careers in water environment, water quality, and wastewater management not only to their students but also to the science community.

The results we are seeking would be students throughout Michigan who will have a much greater awareness and appreciation of the contribution this great industry makes to our society and maybe even become inspired to choose a career path that would make them a part of that contribution.

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The Mission of the Michigan Water Environment Association:

***Michigan Water Environment Association will be a recognized authority on and advocate for preserving, restoring, and enhancing Michigan's water resources***

## **Grant Narrative:**

- Describe your project and share how this project relates to your curriculum and teaching practice with students and or science teachers (Maximum one page.)
- Purpose of Grant: Give your statement of how you can share with others in your community as well as other educators in the state of Michigan what you have implemented with your students. (Maximum one page.)
- Provide a summary of why you are interested in Michigan's water resources Identify the locations and contact information for the nearest water treatment plant(s) in the school district where you teach. Do these facilities offer tours? (Maximum one page.)
- Rubric used in the selection process will be available on the MSTA web site <http://www.msta-mich.org/>

## **Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed Applications must be received by MSTA by October 31, 2018**

Email completed applications to: [susantate@whitehallschools.net](mailto:susantate@whitehallschools.net) with "Dan Wolz Award" in the subject line.