

Rocky Mountain Woodturners Educational Opportunity Grant

The purpose of this document is to describe the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Educational Opportunity Grant program. Rocky Mountain Woodturners (RMWT) is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), located in Loveland, Colorado. Please visit the Rocky Mountain Woodturners web site at www.rmwt.org, and the AAW web site at www.woodturner.org. The RMWT meets on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in Loveland, Colorado.

Applications for an Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) from the RMWT are available each year. Applicants may apply by completing the attached application form and submitting it to Rocky Mountain Woodturners. The RMWT would like to assist you in your woodturning education. If you have a particular goal, workshop, or project in mind and need financial help, we would like you to apply to this program.

In order to expand and share woodturning resources, RMWT has established a fund from which grants are awarded to individuals and organizations. The grants will cover expenses such as tuition, registration, demonstrator's fees, travel, lodging, and meals.

(1) Purpose of the Program

- To allow RMWT members to benefit from their own fundraising efforts and generous support.
- To provide educational opportunities that expand and enrich the entire community.
- To provide ways that woodturning skills may be shared with RMWT members, seminars, schools, and friends.
- To create opportunities for members who would otherwise not be financially able.
- To allow persons outside the RMWT community to experience the benefits of woodturning.

(2) Eligibility

Applicants must be a member or sponsored by a member of the RMWT. Recipients **must submit a report to the EOG committee chairperson** on their experiences **within three months of their completion**. Grant will be given in two stages—80% upon selection, remaining 20% after report submission.

(3) Grant Committee

RMWT shall establish a Grant Committee made up of three members including a Chairperson and two others. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the RMWT Board. The Grant Committee Chairperson shall select two additional committee members. The Grant Committee serves at the pleasure of the RMWT Board. The board may change the committee chairperson at any time.

The Grant Committee shall perform the following duties:

1. Review applications for Educational Opportunity Grants
2. Inform the board of all EOG applications
3. Make recommendations to the board, including recommending which grants should be approved, and for what dollar amount. Three (3) Grant committee members shall vote with the Four (4) board members on grant requests. Applicants must gain five/sevenths support of the board & EOG committee in order to be approved. The RMWT board will determine the amount of the award.
4. Awards will be considered based on benefit to the applicant, to the community, application concept, and economic need. Emphasis will be placed on the ability, as well as the opportunity, of an applicant to share information gained. Clarity of the application is essential, applications will be judged on the thought and the written ideas presented. Applicants will be judged on the content of the application alone.
5. The Grant Committee chairperson shall follow up with recipients of EOGs to ensure projects are completed on a timely basis, and that recipients **present their results at a meeting of the RMWT**, and provide a **written report** which can be included in the RMWT newsletter and/or be posted on the RMWT web site.
6. The Grant Committee may recommend an EOG be awarded in unusual circumstances (relief, short-notice need, gift, etc.) or may decide to award more than the general maximum.

(4) Submitting an Application

Applicants shall complete the attached form, and submit it to:

Elizabeth Amigo, efamigo@msn.com, EOG Chairperson, Rocky Mountain Woodturners

**Rocky Mountain Woodturners
Educational Opportunity Grant
Application Form**

Due by 31 January 2012

Results will be announced by 15 March 2012

Please select one:

Individual – may reapply 2 years after last award (\$1000 maximum)

Student (age 21 or under) – may reapply every year. Students must be fulltime (\$1000 maximum)

Teacher – may reapply every year (\$1500 maximum)

Other (Boy Scouts, school, etc.) – may reapply every year (\$1500 maximum)

Please provide clear and concise answers to the following questions:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

RMWT member: yes _____ no _____

Member or Sponsor name: _____

Age: _____ School affiliation: _____

1. How would you use the educational grant?

2. What is the “educational” aspect?

3. Why do you need this grant? (lack of funding, etc.)

4. How would you benefit from the grant?

5. How will you change your plan if you receive a reduced or no award?

6. How would the community benefit from your grant?

7. Please give an itemized budget of how you intend to use the grant. (Budget may exceed grant request amount.)

Have you received an Educational Opportunity Grant previously? Yes___ No___

Previous grant date(s), amount(s), and project(s):

TIPS ON USING THIS FORM:

- Type, print or write legibly, your answers to the questions.
(If you download a copy from the RMWT website, you can download it in MSWord and type your answers right on the form, print and mail it to the RMWT.)
- Please do not submit CD's or notebooks full of supporting data or photos. The grants are rated by the content of the answers to the questions. They are considered on their own merit.
- Please answer the questions in a clear and concise manner. Include additional sheets, if necessary.
- Please provide the name that will appear on any award check
- Budget: It is OK for your budget to exceed the award amount.
- Applicants may apply for a grant to:
 - Attend a symposium, workshop, or school.
 - Enable a special project.
 - Cover teaching expenses.
 - Any other reasonable cause