

Up to \$1000

for Aquatic Environmental Education Projects

NANFA's Gerald C. Corcoran Education Grant



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Attention Teachers, Nature Center Workers, and Educational Outreach Coordinators:



Since 2000, the North American Native Fishes Association (NANFA), through its Gerald C. Corcoran Education Grant Program, has awarded over \$11,000 for environmental education projects. For 2009, at least \$1,000 is available for proposals regarding education on native fishes, their habitats or their conservation, including but not limited to:

- Producing and distributing educational materials (books, brochures, posters, displays, video, Internet resources, etc.)
- Stream surveys with education as a primary goal
- Lecturing expenses
- Nature center displays
- School materials and displays
- Field and laboratory supplies
- Teacher training workshops to introduce teachers to core concepts, and any materials/displays that may be developed

2008 Grant Recipients:

\$920 to Cassidy Mickelson (Del Rio, TX) to teach kids about the interactions between an exotic suckermouth catfish and the federally threatened Devils River Minnow; and \$1000 to Debbie Piscitelli (Harpers Ferry, WV) for a hands-on and "feet-wet" "Wetlands in the Classroom" environmenta; education project aimed at middle school students.

Proposals are due March 31, 2009. They will be evaluated and ranked by the review committee, and funds awarded by June 1, 2009 to provide teachers with funding to complete projects prior to the start of school in the fall.

Applicants must be members of NANFA. (Non-members can submit \$20 annual dues with proposal.)

Proposals are ranked based upon potential benefits, in terms of criteria such as immediate and long-term impacts, our assessment of their educational value, and probable success of the project. Application details are available at NANFA's website (www.nanfa.org/corcoran.shtml).

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