THE LAW, YOUTH AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM
2014-15 Mini-Grants Application

The Law, Youth and Citizenship Program offers mini-grants (l) to promote development of law-related education throughout the state; (2) to further the expansion of established law studies programs; and (3) to encourage innovative work in the field of law-related education.

Priority is given to proposed programs, which are designed to:

- further the implementation of Social Studies Standards, specifically as applied to citizenship education; the relationship of the individual citizen to the local, state, national, and/or international community; the justice system; law as a unifying force in U.S. History or Global Studies; and comparative law; or
- support safe school initiatives which combine elements of school law, students' rights and responsibilities, administrative due process, and curricular legal connections; or
- support training and programs directly related to civility, citizenship, and character education; or
- support student-centered projects designed to encourage analysis on the role of the law and citizenship in America's past, present, and future; or
- facilitate students' understanding of their rights and responsibilities as citizens; or
- support learning initiatives in the core curriculum areas of Social Studies, English Language Arts, Civics, and Law-Related Education.

Within this scheme, proposals concerning one or more of the following will receive priority consideration: elementary and middle level education; student activities that stress involvement in decision-making through public policy debates; conflict resolution, safe schools, and violence prevention; international law; law-related education in participation in government; and law and the environment.

Representatives (teachers, department chairpersons, students, administrators, etc.) from any elementary, middle, or secondary school, school district, educational cooperative, or related organization in New York State may submit a proposal for consideration. **These grants are awarded on an as needed basis.** Grant proposals shall not exceed **$1,500.** Although funding may be requested for more than one activity, **no applicant shall receive more than one grant** award.

The LYC Grant Program is not designed to fund the purchase of classroom and/or resource materials which are "pre-packaged" or would be considered "normal" school expenses, such as character education programs or textbooks (except where a given unique resource is vital to a proposed project). The LYC Grant Program does not provide funding for honoraria for attorneys or judges.

The Law, Youth and Citizenship Grant Program is designed to promote the following kinds of activities:

- orientation meetings, awareness workshops, and general conferences for teachers, administrators, and/or students having as their central theme some aspect of law-related education;
- preparation of either innovative instructional materials or local newsletters on law-related subjects that meet a special need of a community/school district/education consortium;
- mock trial activities for students in elementary, middle, or secondary schools in a specific district or geographical area (**funds not available for statewide mock trial tournament participants or coaches**);
- innovative application of law-related learning technologies in core curriculum areas (Social Studies, English Language Arts, Civics, and Law-Related Education) to help students meet the State Standards;
- other innovative activities in law-related education that are not included above, but merit funding.

The following questions will be considered in judging the merits of each proposal:

- Is the proposed activity unique and innovative rather than duplicative of other efforts?
- Is the proposal consistent with LYC funding objectives and guidelines?
- Is a substantial need for the proposed activity demonstrated in the application?
- Are letters of support indicative of school/community support for the proposed programs?
- Is there some kind of matching contribution?
- Does the potential impact of the proposed activity go beyond a single class and/or school?
- Is the budget fiscally sound and realistic?

An application form for funding follows.

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LAW, YOUTH AND CITIZENSHIP
GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT: _____TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL: _____

STREET: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

E-MAIL OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

COUNTY: _____

TITLE OF PROPOSAL: _____

ABSTRACT: Provide a concise description of the proposed activity . . . goals, format, procedure, impact . . . in the space below. Proposal abstract is not to exceed this space.

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: (Not to exceed $1500) _____

NOTE: Grant applications will not be considered unless they are submitted with letters of support and a completed budget.

PROPOSAL: Please prepare a detailed description of your proposed activity, program, etc.

USE THE FOLLOWING SECTION HEADINGS.

The proposal should be typewritten and attached to this cover sheet when submitted for consideration.

1. **RATIONALE:** Describe the need for funding your proposal. Be as specific as possible.

2. **OBJECTIVES:** Outline what you will seek to accomplish. Cite specific outcomes.

3. **METHODS:** Identify the procedures/timetables/content that you will use to achieve your objectives.

4. **RESOURCES:** Cite what you feel will help you succeed, i.e., past experience, commitments, support.

5. **PARTICIPANTS:** List all participating schools/districts/agencies, etc.
   Append letters of Intent.

6. **IMPACT:** Estimate the effect that your proposal is likely to have on school curriculum, teachers, students, etc. (Where possible, cite numbers involved.)

7. **BUDGET:** Complete the budget form below. Then describe in your proposal how the money in each category will be spent.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Line Item	LYC	In-Kind*	Total
AV/Communications			
Supplies			
Printing/Photocopying			
Travel Reimbursement			
Accommodations (snacks, meals)			
Salary & Benefits	N/A		
Speaker Honoraria			
Other: (Please Be specific)			
Total			

*In-kind funding is money or services provided by the grant recipient or an additional funding source.

CHECKLIST:

A completed proposal should include *cover sheet*, *detailed proposal with above section headings*, and *letters of intent to participate/support*. Proposals should be sent to: **Law, Youth and Citizenship Program, New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207.**