Outreach and Education Grant

A core mission of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) is to foster the appreciation and understanding of vertebrate fossils and fossil sites by student and avocation paleontologists, as well as the general public. To promote these ideals, The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Outreach and Education Fund offers support to our members for programs and activities focused on education and community engagement. Through this Fund, SVP hopes to capitalize on the creativity and passions of our membership to disseminate information about vertebrate paleontology that is engaging, effective, and scientifically accurate.

The subject matter of funded proposals may fall within any sub-discipline of vertebrate paleontology. Projects may include, but are not limited to, field trips for teachers and pre-college students to fossil sites or museums (virtual or in real life), educator training and curricular development, participation in local community initiatives, development of educational materials for classroom use or informal education settings, and development of websites, apps, or other technologies. Research experiences for the public (Citizen Science), including those in primary and secondary education are also encouraged. Projects that produce educational materials that could be broadly distributed via the SVP website or other online resources are particularly encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be members of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology at the time of application. Graduate student applicants should provide a letter from a professional member documenting their willingness to serve as a project advisor.
- Prior recipients of the SVP Outreach and Education Fund must wait one year before becoming eligible for a subsequent award (e.g., a 2020 grant recipient must wait until 2022 to submit another proposal). Prior recipients must also submit their required final report on the funded project before being eligible to apply for a subsequent award.

HOW TO APPLY

Please utilize the SVP online award submission system to apply. **Any materials sent by e-mail, fax or mail will NOT be reviewed**. Once you click "submit" the award application is complete so be sure to double check that all fields and uploads are exactly as you wish **BEFORE clicking "submit"**. Be sure to name all uploaded documents with your name and a description of the attachment (i.e. John Smith Photo). Have the following items ready when you submit your application in addition to basic institution and advisor information.

The 2020 awards application process is now closed.

QUESTIONS?

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