



NORTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

POLICY #: GEN-9

POLICY: Aerospace Education Funding for Aviation Museums (AEFAM)

PURPOSE: To enhance aerospace education programming at North Dakota Air Museums.

Justification & History

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission would like to assist and support North Dakota aviation museums in the creation and development of youth educational programming. The Aerospace Education Funding for Aviation Museums program or AEFAM is intended to expand aerospace education opportunities for youth in North Dakota by utilizing the aviation museums for aviation education programming.

Program Requirements

AEFAM will be offered to any North Dakota air museum meeting the following requirements:

- The air museum must be a not for profit entity registered in the state of North Dakota.
- The museum must have a mission of providing aviation education and outreach

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission will provide a maximum \$20,000 annually (Fiscal year: July 1-June 30) to any air museum in North Dakota to fund aerospace education programming for youth. Educational programs should target a population being grades 4 through 8 or youth ages 10 to 14. The air museum is limited to \$20,000 per fiscal year from the AEFAM program.

NDAC funding is intended to allow the museums to incorporate aviation educational events above and beyond their normal operations. Funding will be provided for each day that a student attends an educational activity. Group tours, student camps, and career day events are encouraged and eligible for funding. Funding will be provided for all K-12 students attending educational events, though programs should target youth in 4th through 8th grade. Eligible youth must not be charged for educational activities.

AEFAM Suggested Topics

1. History of Aviation to include, but not be limited to, the foundation of aerospace in the United States, famous aviators and aviatrixes, and ND aviation history.
2. Basic Principles of Flight
3. The National Air Space System to include, but not be limited to, airports, air traffic control, airlines, freight travel, economic development, medical, agriculture, pleasure flying, and space travel.
4. Careers in the aviation industry to include local speakers.
5. The importance of aviation to society in North Dakota and the United States.
6. Unmanned aircraft systems.
7. Aviation related post-secondary education options.
8. In addition to the above topics, the air museum may include additional topics. Other aviation organizations such as the University of North Dakota, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Agricultural Aviation Association, fixed base operators, and the North Dakota Pilot's Association could provide in-kind services including additional personnel, educational services, and technological services.

Program Funding

Funds will be dispersed following the air museum's successful completion of the program guidelines. Grant payments will occur as reporting documents are received by the Aeronautics Commission. Documentation must be received prior to June 30th to be considered in a fiscal year. Funds will be provided using the following rate schedule:

- Maximum of \$20,000 per fiscal year
- All actual expenses related to educational programming, including supplies and contracted salaries for educational staff, up to \$15,000 annually
- Daily admission fees for students attending educational programming.
- Students attending qualifying educational events will be admitted to the museum with no charge.

In addition to the educational requirements, the air museum must meet the following requirements:

- The museum must provide a contact person(s) assigned to complete educational requirements.
- The museum must provide documentation of each educational event hosted by the air museum using the AEFAM Activity Report.
- The museum contact person must submit the AEFAM activity reports including a summary report, signed by an authorized representative of the museum board, to the ND Aeronautics Commission Aviation Education Coordinator to receive funding.

Timeline and Accountability

Museums must report to the Aeronautics Commission prior to June 30th to receive funding within a fiscal year.

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