



**Virginia Association of Science Teachers
Shirley Sypolt Memorial Grant in Elementary Education
Application Form**

The Virginia Association of Science Teachers recognizes one of their own by establishing "The Shirley Sypolt Memorial Grant in Elementary Education." Shirley Sypolt cared deeply for not only her colleagues, but especially for her students. She delighted in helping them identify their hidden talents not only in elementary school, but also beyond into their careers. Shirley was a strong advocate of elementary education and instilled this passion for science and research in every student she touched. She taught at Cooper Elementary in Hampton, Virginia for 26 years. She was a tireless worker with VAST for over 20 years. During her lifetime, she received awards and recognition for her capacity to instill the love of science in others. It is these characteristics that we seek as applicants for the Shirley Sypolt Elementary Education Grant.

Mini-grant funds may be spent for supplies, equipment, printing, and other materials essential to the project. Mini-grant funds are not intended for student travel (field trips) or for the personal remuneration of the grant recipients. All materials will become the property of the school/school system in which the Project Director is employed at the time the grant is awarded.

Applicants must be a member of VAST.

The VAST Awards and Mini grants committee appointed by the VAST President will select the grant recipient.

Awardees will be recognized at the November VAST PDI. They will receive a \$400 grant.

Applications are due by September 30 of the current calendar year.

Procedure *(This form can be filled out online through the VAST website www.vast.org)*

1. **Fill in the information requested below.**
2. **Attach a maximum of 3 pages of narrative** *(not embedded links or photos)* **to describe the project that will receive the grant.**

Applicant Information: *(Please type, print, or fill in online)*

A. Applicant

Full Name: [Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.]

Email Address:

School Division/Employer:

School:

Home Mailing Address:

Phone:

If not completed on-line, return all application materials to:

VAST Awards Committee c/o Sandy Pace
6980 Coleman's Crossing Ave. Hayes, VA 23072
Email space5@cox.net or awards@vast.org Phone: 804-693-5936

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