

**Application Information 2026
Retired Educators of New York (RENY)
Northeastern Zone Kramer Memorial Award**

Introduction: One of the objectives of the Retired Educators of New York (RENY) has been to work toward the advancement of education in our state. Retired educators in regional zones across the state support retired and active educators, their families, and their communities through professional, social, political, and charitable endeavors. The local association of RENY, the Northeastern Zone (NEZ) supports the work of educators in public schools in Clinton and Essex counties.

NEZ is offering a financial award to active educators in these counties to assist them in their classroom endeavors. The **Kramer Memorial Educator Award of \$1000 is offered by NEZ**. This biennial award honors the late Dr. Karl Kramer, former professor and mentor to Education Majors at SUNY Plattsburgh, and long time devoted member of the Northeastern Zone.

This grant is meant to assist active educators in developing and implementing an innovative program or project to improve instruction, academic achievement, or in support of a current issue. To be eligible for the grant, an educator must be a full time active teacher, administrator, counselor, or nurse in a public school district (or BOCES school) in Clinton County or the three Essex County schools which are in the NEZ region: Lake Placid, Minerva, and Newcomb Central School Districts.

The grant is for the **2026 - 2027** school year and the full grant amount must be used. Applicants will need to keep this in mind as they answer questions on the application. At the completion of the project, the award winner is requested to provide a short summary (photos are encouraged) showcasing student activities or student work.

Grant applications must be emailed on or before May 16, 2026.

Applicants must use this year's 2026 application form.

Applicants will be notified of the final decision on or before June 30, 2026.

Please email completed applications to BOTH co-chairs:

Alison Brown abrown.beads@gmail.com

Simone Lutz simonelutz2021@gmail.com

Please submit your proposal as follows:

P. 1 Contact Information

P. 2 Responses to Questions 1-6 numbered. You do not have to retype the question, just number each response.

P. 3 Responses to Questions 7 and 8, same as above.

Please be sure to submit each page separately in order to ensure anonymity.

Please submit each page as a PDF document saved as Page 1, Page 2, Page 3.

Please put only the TITLE OF YOUR PROJECT (no names) at the TOP OF PAGE 2 AND PAGE 3.

Please record your responses on Page 2 and Page 3 without any personal or school information (name, mascot, etc.) in order to maintain anonymity. Please keep responses brief and use a clear font, no smaller than 11 pt.

Pages 1, 2, and 3 should be submitted in one email as three individual attachments to both Alison Brown and Simone Lutz on or before the deadline of MAY 16, 2026.

**Application Form 2026
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Cover Sheet and Contact Information**

Page One

Title of Project:

Applicant Name:

School Address:

Preferred Phone Number:

Preferred Email:

School District and Building Where Employed:

Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor:

E-mail of Immediate Supervisor:

Summer Contact Information:

Personal Phone Number:

Summer Mailing Address:

Please inform your Supervisor you are applying for this grant.

Completed applications must be submitted on or before **May 16, 2026**.

Applicants will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of their application.

If you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours, please email Alison Brown or Simone Lutz.

Reminder, winners will be expected to submit a short summary/overview showcasing their students' work upon completion of the projects. Winners will be asked to sign a media release form.

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Project Description
Page Two

On a new page/document, please type responses to the following items and number each response. It is not necessary to retype the question. Please use a clear font, no smaller than 11 point font size.

We suggest that you review the Rubric as you complete your application and adhere to the format requirements. It is for your information, to guide you as you write your responses.

TITLE OF PROJECT: (Be sure to maintain school/district anonymity.)

1. Give a brief description of the project or program that would be funded by this grant.
2. Describe how the award money will enhance the project or program.
3. Explain the need for the grant. Is there any other funding available for the project or program?
4. Describe the student population served by the project or program.
Strong proposals will include a larger percentage of the student population.
5. **Please address BOTH parts of this section:**
How will the project or program contribute to student growth and/or enrichment?
How will student growth be measured?
6. Describe the connection across disciplines (grade level, content area, etc.)
Strong proposals will include interdisciplinary and cross-curricular connections.

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Page Three

TITLE OF PROJECT:

(You do not have to retype the statements below. Type the number and your response.)

7. Give a reasonably detailed account of how the grant money will be spent. Bulleted list is fine.
8. List District Curriculum Goals or State Learning Standards (SLS) that will be supported by this program/project. (Ex. Grade 6 ELA Writing Standards: 6W1, 6W1a, 6W2). New York State Learning Standards abbreviated to NYSLS.

Applicants can also reference research or conference information. Please provide a link in the response.

Ex. <https://www.pit.org/about-us/why-environmental-education-is-important/>

NOTE: Please include clarification or a link to definitions or terms that may be content specific. For example, “student written artist statement” is specific to the Arts, and not necessarily common vernacular.

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Remember to include Page 1, Page 2, and Page 3 as separate attachments in your email to us.

We suggest that you send a test email to a friend or secondary email before you return your application to the co-chairs to ensure that the completed documents conform to the application guidelines.

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