



**Cloud Girls and Afterschool Alliance STEM mini-grants
2019 Request for Applications
Due: Friday, September 6, 2019**

Cloud Girls and the Afterschool Alliance have partnered to provide afterschool programs with mini-grants to support dynamic learning environments for technology education and to creatively inspire young women's interest in technology. This campaign supports both not-for-profit organizations' vision to support local grassroots charities and to inspire and empower the next generation of women as thought leaders in the evolving cloud and next-generation technology space.

Who is Cloud Girls? Cloud Girls is vendor-neutral, not-for-profit community of female technology advocates dedicated to educating themselves, their organizations, and technology consumers about the vast and dynamic cloud ecosystem. By exploring emerging market and technical trends, advocating for best practices, and building community, Cloud Girls is fostering female thought leaders in next-generation technology.

Opportunity

Cloud Girls has raised funding from their network of female technology advocates to provide nine mini-grants of \$1,000 each to eligible afterschool programs to provide innovative STEM and computer science programming, activities, or opportunities that engage young girls and teens in technology-based subjects and careers.

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to afterschool programs serving low-income students in middle school through high school. To be eligible, afterschool programs must be a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization with an operating budget less than \$250,000. We are aiming to provide smaller programs with the opportunity to provide innovative and enriching opportunities to their participants through this mini-grant competition.

Application

The application deadline is 11 p.m. ET, Friday, September 6, 2019.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed to determine the nine mini-grant recipients. Priority will be given to applications that:

- Provide new and innovative STEM and computer science opportunities to program participants that otherwise would not be available.
- Are student driven and sourced. We encourage afterschool programs to allow student participants to develop the proposal and submit the application.
- Serve students in rural or urban communities

Grant recipients will be notified the week of September 15; funds will be disbursed by early October 2019.

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