



VERSACARE

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Dear Seventh-day Adventist Educator,

On behalf of Versacare, I am pleased to announce that for 2020 we will be awarding a total of \$1 million in STEM grants to qualifying Adventist primary and secondary schools.

Since 2016 we have awarded 229 SDA schools a total of \$1,825,000 in three STEM grant categories: \$5,000 for schools of three classrooms or less, \$10,000 for schools with four or more classrooms, and \$10,000 for senior academies. The funds may be used for any STEM purchase provided it is directly used for teaching in the classroom. Items like computers for the school office or paying for STEM classes for your teachers are not part of our STEM grant program. Some of the permissible uses we've seen are smart boards for classrooms, computer labs, tablets and Chromebooks for students for classroom teaching, 3D printers, robotics, equipping biology, chemistry and physics labs, and more.

Every SDA primary or secondary school that is owned or recognized by the local conference is eligible, the only restriction is if you received a grant from us in 2018 or 2019 you are not eligible to apply. This is to allow as many schools as possible to benefit from the program. Your application is submitted via the application portal at www.versacare.org, and you will be asked for three specific documents when you apply: A list of your school board members, a copy of last year's financial statement and a board approved technology plan. These are not just at our request but are to satisfy the IRS mandate that your school is both a non-profit entity and eligible to receive a grant from us.

The application deadline is December 31, 2019. Some years we receive more applications than there are grants. To make the process fair, we use the random number generator imbedded in Microsoft Excel to choose the funded applications in each grant category, so the process is completely random.

The grants will be awarded in March and the funds will follow within 30 days. If you receive a grant you must report to us on your use of funds by February 1, 2021. Again, reporting is an IRS requirement but also shows us where the greatest needs are and helps us plan for future grant cycles.

If you have questions, a fact sheet is attached to this letter with more information. I also invite you to reach out to us via email or with a phone call. Our Grant Administrator is Lisa Corrales and she can be reached at both the email address and telephone number below.

Thank you for all you do for our youth! They truly are our greatest mission field and our most valuable asset as a church. I pray God's richest blessings on you and your school.

Very truly yours,

Thomas K. Macomber
President, Versacare Inc.