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Guide for Funding: SWENext Clubs

Funding Opportunities from SWE

- [Annual SWENext Club Challenge](#)
 - Award includes \$500 for future club activities
- [Program Development Grants](#): Micro-grants available to support the strategic activities of SWE Organizations (Sections, MALs, Society Committees, or Affiliates).
 - SWENext Clubs are eligible to apply for these grants if they meet the following criteria:
 - The proposal must be sponsored by a SWE organization.
 - SWE organizations include: Section, Region, MALs, Society Committee, or Affiliate.
 - If the application is accepted, funds will be administered to the sponsoring SWE organization and it will be their responsibility to distribute the funds to the SWENext Club. It will also be the sponsoring SWE organization's responsibility to provide any reports or deliverables associated with the award to the Program Development Committee on behalf of the SWENext Club.
 - The event must be SWE or SWE-Affiliate led.
 - PDG Funding cannot be used for events run by an individual or organization not affiliated with the Society.
 - The SWE organization requesting funds must be in good standing with the Society.
 - The proposal must be submitted by an active SWE member and project must be managed by a current SWE member.
 - SWE organizations requesting funds may have no more than three outstanding reports, deliverables, or unreturned unused funds totaling up to \$15,000, for projects previously funded by a Program Development Grant.
 - Typical expenses that would be funded include supplies for hands-on activities, T-shirts, food costs for SWENext led events or other outreach related expenses. Grants are awarded prior to the event and receipts are required to reconcile the final expenses up to the grant amount.
 - The PDG Committee reviews grant applications on a regular schedule, published on the website. A best practice is to submit your grant 3-4 months prior to the event.
 - More information and FAQ's are on the [SWE website](#).
 - Please contact Mary Bonk Isaac mbonkisaac@gmail.com & Holly Teig teighj@gmail.com if you have questions.

Questions? Contact us at outreach@swe.org

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Examples of funded PDG grants submitted by SWE Organizations in collaboration with a SWENext Club

- **SWENext Summit**

The goal of the SWENext Summit is to bring together SWENext members in the NYS Capital Region to learn about engineering opportunities, SWENext club best practices, and how to be leaders in their communities. 100 SWENexters and parents/educators are expected to attend the half day event. The Summit is co-sponsored by RPI SWE and NYSCD SWE.

- **Engineers Inspire Wonder**

This will be the first event of its kind planned in collaboration with the Dayton local library, SOSWE, K- 12 education (CJSTEMM), Girl Scouts of Western Ohio and local organizations/employers. This event is intentionally being targeted to attract middle and high school female students from the local area in a community that has a predominantly free lunch population. The Dayton Metro Library is a recently renovated facility and the hope is to continue this outreach effort through a SWENext Club presence at the library and growing to multiple branches across sister libraries in neighboring communities.

- **GEMS Structural Design Challenge**

An exciting structural design challenge where young ladies have an opportunity to test their civil and structural engineering skills with everyday kitchen items. SWENext will be presented as an opportunity for the girls to get more involved with SWE and receive the latest comic book.

Funding Opportunities Outside of SWE

- <https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/fundraising-toolkit>
- <https://www.stemfinity.com/STEM-Education-Grants>
- <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/STEMfunding.cfm>
- <http://freyscientific.com/resources/grants>