Adopt-A-School Program

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Adopt-A-School Program

Mission

Provide adopted schools with resources and personnel to improve hands-on scientific education
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How Does It Work?

It is important to note that this program is a collaboration between the Chapter and school to provide support. The chapter does not necessarily create, run or fund events activities so much as provide additional personnel, guidance encouragement and funding for the school to succeed.
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How Does It Work?

• Requires two POCS - Chapter and School
• Chapter POC Responsibilities (abbreviated)
  – Identifying School POC
  – Working with School POC to learn their needs
  – Recruiting AFCEA member to work with the School
  – Providing guidance to recruited member
  – Documenting the assistance needs and results
  – Ensure the schools/teachers are aware of opportunities (e.g., Teaching Toolkit and Scholarships)
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How Does It Work?

• School POC Responsibilities (Depends on School)
  – Minimally identify opportunities for support
  – What kinds of activities?
    • Provide Interviewers for mock Interviews
    • Judge math and science competitions
    • Mentor student activities (e.g., robotics team)
    • Providing speakers and info on STEM careers
    • Helping teachers with special projects
    • Arranging tours

• Provide funding for hands-on STEM education
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Successes

• Mock Interviews for High School Students
• Class speakers
• Judging Math Competitions
• Supplies and Parts for Robotics club
• Materials for Senior Projects
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Challenges

• **Commitment**: A committed AFCEA and School POC are required to achieve consistent results
• **Differences**: Different schools have different needs. Required assistance will vary. Plan on it.
• **Selection**: Determine criteria to select schools for support and when to stop support. If a school will not commit, find another one that will.
• **Funding**: How much funding is required for an impact. We started with $1K per year.
• **Distribution**: As the program grows, expect more schools that funds. How do you decide who gets it? Rotation? Business case and selection committee?
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Resources: http://www.afceacmd.org

• “Education -> Adopt-A-School” Contains:
  – Full listing of Chapter/POC responsibilities

• “Education -> Adopt-A-School -> Volunteer Resources” Includes:
  – Career Planning Training Materials
  – Mock Interview Training Materials
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Questions

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