

# Student Solidarity Award - Regulations

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## ***1. What is the origin and what are the objectives of the Student Solidarity Award?***

The Student Solidarity Award was created by the Veolia foundation, in partnership with the Human Resources Department and representatives of schools and universities. The award aims to encourage the initiatives and involvement of school and university students in community-oriented projects. The award rewards innovative approaches contributing to sustainable development and the mobilization of synergies between players (cofunding, pooling of skills, etc.) in one of the three following areas : international development help ; social bond and support towards employment ; protection of the environment and biodiversity.

## ***2. Who are the recipients of the Student Solidarity Award?***

- The Student Solidarity Award are aimed exclusively at associations (legal entities) formed by students currently pursuing their studies in schools and universities (last year of Bachelor and Master's level) in France and internationally.
- Eligible associations may have several years of existence, or may be recently created, or even be applying for their first grant in the context of the Student Solidarity Award.
- Two or more associations can join together to submit an application for a joint project in connection with the Student Solidarity Award. In this case, a single association of the group will be designated to be the project leader and will be the sole interlocutor.

### **3. What types of projects are eligible?**

- **Project types:** The Student Solidarity Award is set in a corporate patronage framework. The projects submitted must therefore be community-oriented and **non-profit**. Contrary to sponsoring operations, the project must not expect any commercial counterpart related to the grant amount.
- **Thematic scope:** the scope corresponds to the following areas: development aid, workforce development and environmental conservation.
- **Involvement of an employee of the Veolia group:** the Student Solidarity Award supports projects sponsored by Veolia employees. Project leaders may, when submitting applications, indicate whether or not they have a sponsor. The association can call on the organizers of the Award to help them identify and contact a person from the Sponsors network among the group's collaborators all over the world, ideally (but not necessarily) in relation to the thematic and / or geographic positioning of the project and facilitate this support. The sponsor can write a short testimony supporting the project in the support request file.

### **4. Be Careful: What types of projects are not eligible?**

- Temporary projects (exhibitions, demonstrations, symposia, events), even if oriented toward outreach or environmental conservation.
- Artistic and cultural projects.
- Travel projects without any concrete objectives or achievement.
- Projects already completed. This year and in view of the international situation with which we are confronted, the organization of the Student Solidarity Award has been adapted in order to encourage and best support the solidarity projects currently developing in France and abroad. The Student Solidarity Award is therefore open to projects already started or completed on the date of the Ceremony.

### **5. How to file an application?**

- **Step one:** Carefully check the eligibility of your project with regard to the criteria stated in the present regulation.
- **Step two: Fill the form online** specially provided on the Foundation website

<http://fondation.pse.veolia.com/>

## ***6. What are the selection criteria for the projects?***

- **Quality of the application:** clarity of exposition, ranking of ideas, relevance of the methodology proposed, overall legibility.
- **Professionalism of the proposed approach:** knowledge and understanding of the local context (limitations, specific needs, etc.), adequate balance between the needs identified and the solutions brought by the project, involvement of the public authorities concerned.
- **Feasibility:** clarity of objectives, technical and financial feasibility, realism of the schedule, experience of the project leader(s), quality of the partners and relevance of the institutional setup (capacity of the participants to achieve the targets set).
- **Impact:** relevance of the indicators proposed to evaluate the economic, social and/or environmental impacts of the project in concrete terms, against the initial targets.
- **Synergies:** according to the resources required (technical, financial, human), capacity of the project leader(s) to mobilize cofunding and other outside support.
- **Type of aid sought:** the Student Solidarity Award primarily finance investment and training expenditures, but may if necessary contribute to covering the most strategic operating expenses for the implementation of the project (expenses, transportation costs, etc.).
- **Permanence:** consideration of the challenges of human training and development, involvement of local resources, etc.

## ***7. What is the selection process?***

A jury of seven members (representatives of the Veolia Foundation, representative of the HR Direction, representatives of schools and universities, representatives of NGO) meet together in May and select the best projects.

### ***8. What do the winners of the Student Solidarity Award receive?***

- **Financial support in the form of a grant:** depending on the requirements and specific features of each project, the jury shares a total grant of 10,000 euros between the three winners. The grant to the first prize winner may be smaller than the one to the second and/or the third.
- **Technical support in the form of expertise,** through the employee sponsorship program involving the employees of the Veolia group in France and internationally.

### ***9. What is the timetable of the Student Solidarity Award?***

- **Opening of the call for projects:** March 4th 2021.
- **Closure of the call for projects:** April 30th 2021.
- **Award ceremony:** June 2020.

### ***10. How to contact the Foundation team?***

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