



STUDENT SOLIDARITY AWARD REGULATION

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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.)

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 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
 - Environmental conservation.
- **Involvement of an employee of the Veolia group:** The last projects of the Student Solidarity Award will need to be sponsored by a Veolia employee ideally (but not necessarily) related to the thematic and geographic positioning of the project concerned.

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.

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 at www.fondation.veolia.com, page “Filing an application”.

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, representatives 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:** February 2022
- **Closure of the call for projects:** April 30th 2022.
- **Award ceremony:** June 9th2022

10. How to contact the Foundation team?

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