



Ribbon of Hope grant program launches online application system June 1

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The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation invites community-based nonprofit organizations in North Carolina to use its new online grant application system to apply for Ribbon of Hope grants to support science, health, and education projects.

Starting June 1, the new online system can be found at <http://www.ncgskfoundation.org/ribbon-grants.html>. Applications for the next Ribbon of Hope grant funding cycle, which are due by October 1, 2016, can be submitted using the new online system or the existing paper application.

The Ribbon of Hope grant program offers \$25,000 one-time awards to community-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in North Carolina to expand or enhance existing programs or help start new initiatives. In addition to financial assistance, recipients benefit from customized consulting services and technical assistance provided by the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits.

The goal of the Ribbon of Hope program is to have a positive impact on the lives of North Carolina's citizens in each of the state's 100 counties. Proposed projects should be tightly aligned with the program's mission to advance science, health, and education in local communities across the state. They should address critical community needs that have been identified through a comprehensive needs assessment, provide clear and concise descriptions of project activities, and demonstrate sustainability after grant funds are expended.

McREL International, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) research and development organization focused on improving education, provides support services for the Ribbon of Hope program.

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation and McREL will host four informational webinars this summer about the Ribbon of Hope Program, providing potential applicants with information on grant eligibility, the application process, and reporting requirements. These webinars will be held on:

- Thursday, July 14, 12:00 p.m. EDT
- Tuesday, July 26, 11:00 a.m. EDT
- Tuesday, August 16, 3:00 p.m. EDT
- Thursday, September 1, 12:00 p.m. EDT To register for the webinars, please visit <http://ow.ly/V3UA300kFuW>.

For more information about the Ribbon of Hope program, including answers to frequently asked questions and a recording of a previous informational webinar, please visit <http://www2.mcrel.org/NCGSKFRibbonOfHope/index.asp#>.