With generous funding from the Voya Foundation, Voya STEM Futures provides funding to ASTC members in ten locations for youth programs targeting grades 4-8 and running between April and December 2024.

To view eligibility details, proposal requirements and recommendations, and to apply, please visit the 2024 Voya STEM Futures Funding Opportunity page.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Eligibility

1. My organization is located in:
   ● Atlanta, Georgia region
   ● Boston, Massachusetts region
   ● Charlotte, North Carolina region
   ● Houston, Texas region
   ● Iowa state
   ● Jacksonville, Florida region
   ● Minneapolis—Saint Paul, Minnesota region
   ● New York, New York region
   ● San Diego, California region
   ● San Francisco, California region

2. We will provide programming for youth in grades 4-8 (ages 9-14).
   ● Yes
   ● No
Institutional Information

3. Organization name:

4. Legal organization name (if different from above):

5. Organization address:
   ● Street
   ● City
   ● State
   ● Zip

6. Primary application point of contact (submitter):
   ● Full name:
   ● Job title:
   ● Email:
   ● Phone number:

7. Primary programmatic point of contact (if different from above).
   ● Full name:
   ● Job title:
   ● Email:
   ● Phone number:

8. Authorized representative (executive with legal authority who can sign a binding agreement)
   ● Full name:
   ● Job title:
   ● Email:
   ● Phone number:

Program Information

9. Describe your program and any event(s) or activity(ies) you propose as part of your program. Explain how your programming is:
   ● deepening understanding of or increasing interest in STEM careers.
   ● providing hands-on, experiential learning.

10. Do you plan to use funding to (choose one):
    ● Support an existing program
      i. How was your program conceived? Has it evolved and why? (250 words)
    ● Adapt an existing program
      i. How was your original program conceived? How are you adapting it and why? (250 words)
    ● Develop a new program
i. What is your goal for creating a new program? What will you use to build your new program? (250 words)

11. How many young people in grades 4-8 do you expect to engage through your proposed program(s)? Note: You can provide either a single number or an estimated range.

12. Do you have a specific demographic audience in mind who you’d like to reach? What is your strategy for reaching this audience? If you have specific expertise or past experience in engaging this demographic, please describe it. (250-500 words)

13. Will other participants be involved in your program who are not youth in grades 4-8?
   - Yes
     i. If audiences beyond youth in grades 4-8 will also be participating in your proposed program(s), describe who these groups are and whether their expected participation differs (e.g., younger or older youth, family members, or the general public). (250-500 words)
   - No

14. Will you partner with any other organizations to implement your program (e.g., schools, afterschool programs, public libraries, community-based organizations, local STEM businesses, higher education institutions, youth groups, etc.)? Note: If you are planning to partner with any Title I schools, please be sure to state that explicitly in your response. (250 words)

15. How will you promote the program(s) (e.g., flyers, newsletters, social media) and ensure it reaches your intended audience? (250 words)

16. Please provide a brief timeline for your program. For each milestone, enter the approximate start date (or date range, if applicable), a brief description of the milestone, and follow it with a semicolon. For example:

   “1/31 Team kickoff; 2/15-3/25, Regular team meetings to plan event; 2/7 implement recruitment plan for participants; 3/26, Host STEAM night; 4/30 final report deadline”

Optional

17. Voya Financial works to invest in and improve the quality of life in the communities where Voya’s employees and customers live. If you have
opportunities for their local employees to volunteer at your institution, Voya would like to know! For example, Voya employees can serve as example STEM professionals, peak to STEM education and career pathways, or assist with other education initiatives or events. *Note: Your answer has no impact on the competitiveness of your application to Voya STEM Futures.*

Are you interested in learning more about local Voya employees’ volunteerism?  
- Yes  
  i. Who should the Voya Foundation contact at your institution? *Note: This information will be shared with Voya Foundation staff.*  
    1. Full name:  
    2. Job title:  
    3. Email:  
    4. Phone number:  
- No

Thank you for applying!