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DEADLINES FOR CLUB GRANTS AND SPACE STATION SCHOOL EVENTS FAST APPROACHING

ARRL is sponsoring two tracks of organizational grants throughout most of 2022, and both have deadlines coming up—October 31 and November 4.

The October 31 deadline is for grants from the ARRL Foundation to organizations for eligible amateur radio related projects and initiatives, particularly those

with a focus on educating, licensing, and supporting Amateur Radio activities. Youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged, but public service and emergency communications projects are not eligible in this group of grants. The ARRL Foundation grants program accepts proposals on a cyclical model three times a year. These grants range from \$250. to \$2,500. Details at: <https://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>.

Getting lots of attention this year has been the club grants program administered by the ARRL foundation on behalf of ARDC which has generously donated \$500,000. overall. Applications for the current round are due no later than Friday, November 4 by 7:00 PM Eastern time. Projects are eligible up to \$25,000. through this ARRL cycle, while those seeking higher amounts must apply to ARDC directly. Club revitalization grants up to \$3,000. each are also available. More information available at: <https://www.arrl.org/club-grant-program>.

The other deadline is for applications to host an ARISS event—Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. These applications are due by November 13.

ARISS is a 20 year old three way partnership between ARRL, AMSAT and NASA. These are scheduled events during which students get to ask questions of an astronaut aboard the International Space Station (ISS) live during a typical 9-14 minute pass over a selected school. Because of ongoing duties which astronauts have, only 20-25 of these events are scheduled in U.S.

schools per year. The Roanoke Division was fortunate to have two ARISS events in 2022. The first one was at the Carter G. Woodson Middle School in Hopewell, VA, this past February, and the second one took place October 11 at Harris Middle School in Spruce Pine, NC.

Applications due November 13 are for ARISS contacts which will take place between July 1 and December 31, 2023. These applications are lengthy and require supporting documentation, so if you are a teacher or know one who would be interested, it would be best to begin the application soon. Landing a coveted ARISS event takes time but the reward is considerable prestige for the teacher, the students and the school district. To apply, go to: <https://www.ariss.org/apply-to-host-an-ariss-contact.html>

