



CFEF Member Foundations Awarded Grants for Motorola STEM Solutions Projects

More than 2,015 students in 11 school districts will have the opportunity to learn and apply STEM skills beyond the classroom this school year through an *Innovation Generation* grant from the [Motorola Solutions Foundation](#), the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions Inc. The Motorola Solutions Foundation provided \$50,000 to challenge Florida's district-wide local education foundations to inspire students through projects designed to help them solve real-world problems in science, math, technology and engineering (STEM) areas this school year through a grant to the [Consortium of Florida Education Foundations](#) (CFEF).

"The future of American innovation depends on a diverse pipeline of critical thinkers who are well versed in STEM principles," said Matt Blakely, director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. "Through the Innovation Generation program, we are thrilled to partner with programs like CFEF and their member education foundations in Florida to provide students and teachers with the necessary tools to explore their STEM interests and pursue innovation."

The following CFEF member foundations will each receive \$4,750 through a competitive judging process with 20 proposed projects reviewed and scored by a panel of STEM industry professionals through CFEF:

Polk Education Foundation—Protecting Polk County's Natural Resources through Researching and Planning

Foundation for Orange County Public Schools—Robotics and Animation

Education Foundation of Sarasota County—Engineering and Geospatial Technology Awareness

St Johns County Education Foundation—STEM in Action at Southern Villas

Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation—Engineers for America STEM Initiative

Foundation for Leon County Schools—Robotics Club

Education Foundation of Collier County—Technology, Digital Design and Social Media

Washington-Holmes Technical Center—A Teen Cleanroom

Broward Education Foundation—Nora Wingfield Tyson Maritime Math, Science, and Technology Outreach Program for Girls: The MST Program

Levy County Schools Foundation—STEM Engineering in the 21st Century

Brevard Schools Foundation—Engineering Workshop—After School

CFEF is the membership organization for Florida's school district-wide local education foundations. Established in 1987, CFEF seeks to advance student achievement in Florida by increasing private sector investment and involvement in public education. CFEF now has 55 member foundations with 1,100 business and community leaders serving as volunteer board members. Collectively, they raise more than \$40 Million annually to support students, teachers and schools through a variety of programs. CFEF has provided more than \$20 Million to local education foundations since 2002 through various private and public sector partnerships, including the State of Florida School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program.

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