Kalenian Award: About the Award

The Kalenian Award is given annually or every other year on a competitive basis and the recipient(s) are the holder(s) of the Kalenian Award in the year given. The duration of the award shall not exceed 18 months and will be a grant of up to $20,000. It may be given to an individual or group involved in the invention of a product in order to assist in the process of moving the invention toward commercialization.

The award may be given to support innovative ideas or the development of commercial products. Ideally, recipients should be either part of an existing small business enterprise or in the process of trying to establish a small business. A concise "who am I / this is my idea / this is how it will benefit society / this is what I need to achieve my goals" would be much appreciated.

This is not a business plan contest. Many high quality ideas in diverse market applications are received and it is difficult to select one winner. Applicants may resubmit proposals if they have not won in a previous year.

Proposals are encouraged for project types that

• demonstrate the need to provide proof of concept,
• show that an idea requires reduction to practice, or
• involve products that are in the early stages of commercial development.