

# FOPs (Funding Opportunities)



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*The Grant Department brings the following descriptions of funding opportunities to you. If you would like to pursue applying for a grant, please contact Susan Bauer at 70038, Dr. Gregory Jones at 70865 or Janna Gibson at 70869 to coordinate the application process.*

## Education

**Grant Title:** Early College High School Small and Rural District Planning Grant

**Organization:** Texas Education Agency

**Purpose:** To create collaborative partnerships between school districts or open-enrollment charter schools and institutions of higher education and to develop and refine a comprehensive plan for opening an Early College High School (ECHS). An ECHS is a program that consists of small high schools that provide students at risk of dropping out, an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree or sixty semester hours toward a baccalaureate degree; at no cost to the student. This program enables small and rural districts to research the ECHS model, to develop viable plans to implement an ECHS. It's also to identify challenges and develop solutions and models for small and rural districts to implement and to increase the college readiness and success of students.

**Eligibility:** Texas school districts; open-enrollment charter schools; and institutions of higher education.

A single ISD with enrollment of at least 1,000 but no more than 4,000 students may partner with a public IHE, with either partner eligible to serve as the fiscal agent; or up to five ISDs with individual enrollments of up to 4,000 students may form a shared services arrangement (SSA) in partnership with an IHE. The fiscal agent of the SSA may be either the public IHE or

one of the ISDs, provided that the ISD chosen to serve as fiscal agent has an enrollment of at least 1,000 students. ISDs with enrollments of less than 1,000 students may not apply on their own. They may belong to an SSA but may not serve as fiscal agent. Open-enrollment charter schools located within the boundaries of one or more eligible ISDs are also eligible to apply under the same conditions that apply to ISDs.

**Amount Available:** None specified; \$80,000.

**Number of Awards:** 4 - 6

**Application Information:** Copy and paste the web address below to your browser: [www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/sos/in-addition/in-addition.html#462](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/sos/in-addition/in-addition.html#462)

As of June 26, 2008, TEA has not updated application information on their website. Please refer back to TEA's website at a later date to obtain application information for this grant.

**Deadline:** August 19, 2008.

**Contact:** Donnell Bilsky

Phone: 512-463-9269

Email: [Donnell.Bilsky@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:Donnell.Bilsky@tea.state.tx.us)

**Source:** [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)

## Education

**Grant Title:** Creative IT

**Organization:** National Science Foundation

**Purpose:** To support projects whose objectives are new models of creativity, new models for research and education or creativity enhancing tools developed in the context of a specific discipline. A project may respond to one or more of the following types of advances: 1) new theoretical models, which can be the basis for new computing devices and environments, new approaches to education and new ways of doing research; 2) new modes of research, which can be developed empirically through doing, observing and studying innovative modes of research; 3) innovative educational approaches, which can be a focus for formal and informal learning environments, such as studio learning and problem-based learning that reward creative thinking; and 4) creativity enhancing tools, which can support and enhance creativity in problem finding as well as problem solving.

**Eligibility:** State and local government agencies; private and public institutions of higher education; independent school districts; nonprofit and for-profit organizations and individual scientists, engineers and educators.

**Amount Available:** \$6.5 million; awards range up to \$800,000.

**Number of Awards:** 15 - 20

**Application Information:** Copy and paste the web address below to your browser:

[www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf08\\_1/gpg\\_index.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf08_1/gpg_index.jsp)

**Deadline:** September 26, 2008.

**Contact:** Mary Lou Maher

Phone: 703-292-7242

Email: [mmaher@nsf.gov](mailto:mmaher@nsf.gov)

**Source:** [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08572/nsf08572.htm#awd\\_info](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08572/nsf08572.htm#awd_info)

## Education

**Grant Title:** Improving Students Understanding of Geometry Grants for Grades K-8 Teachers

**Organization:** John and Stacey Wahl Fund and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

**Purpose:** To develop activities that will enable students to better appreciate and understand some aspect of geometry that is consistent with the principles and standards for school mathematics of NCTM. Projects should include applications of geometry to: 1) art; 2) literature; 3) music; 4) architecture; nature; or other relevant areas.

**Eligibility:** K- 8 teachers who are current members of NCTM or teach at a school with a current membership (as of October 2008).

**Amount Available:** None specified; awards range up to \$3,000 each.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Application Information:** [www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324](http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324)

**Deadline:** November 14, 2008.

**Contact:** Phone: 703-620-9840, ext. 2112

Email: [exec@nctm.org](mailto:exec@nctm.org).

**Source:** [www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324](http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324)

## Education

### Grant Title: Healthy Sprouts Awards

**Organization:** National Gardening Association (NGA)

**Purpose:** To support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States.

**Eligibility:** A school or organization that plans to garden in 2009 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18.

**Amount Available:** None specified; five \$500 gift certificates; and fifteen \$200 gift certificates towards purchases at Gardener's Supply Company; NGA's "Eat a Rainbow Kit"; a literature package from NGA; and NGA supporter benefits for one year.

**Number of Awards:** 20

**Application Information:** <http://kids.garden.org/grantInquiry.php?grant=HS08>

**Deadline:** October 15, 2008

**Contact:** Phone: 800-538-7476

Email: [donna@garden.org](mailto:donna@garden.org)

**Source:** [www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp](http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp)

## Education

### Grant Title: Magna Awards

**Organization:** American School Board Journal, the National School Boards Association, and Sodexo School Services

**Purpose:** To honor school board best practices and innovative programs that advance student learning. Winners are judged on programs that are: 1) the result of appropriate school board leadership; 2) developed or actively supported by the school board; 3) successful in view of the program's primary objectives; 4) important in promoting the district's mission and advancing student learning; and 5) capable of being replicated by other school boards with similar conditions and resources.

**Eligibility:** School districts in the U.S. must be a member of state school boards association to be eligible.

**Amount Available:** None specified; awards are \$3,500 each. Recognition is given to all Magna winners and honorable mention recipients are recognized in a special supplement published with the April issue of American School Boards Journal.

**Number of Awards:** 3 monetary; 17 nonmonetary

**Application Information:** [www.asbj.com/magna2](http://www.asbj.com/magna2)

**Deadline:** October 15, 2008.

**Contact:** Go to [www.asbj.com/Forms/MagnaFeedback.aspx](http://www.asbj.com/Forms/MagnaFeedback.aspx) For email access.

**Source:** [www.asbj.com/MainMenuCategory/Supplements/MagnaAwards/WhatIsMagna.aspx](http://www.asbj.com/MainMenuCategory/Supplements/MagnaAwards/WhatIsMagna.aspx)

## Education

### Grant Title: Melody Program

**Organization:** Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

**Purpose:** To help children achieve their greatest potential and to close the gap that exists in underserved communities by supporting K-12 school instrumental music programs.

**Eligibility:** K-12 school with a music program that has existed for at least 3 years that takes place during the regular school day.

**Amount Available:** Not specified; musical instruments that range up to \$8,000 in value.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Application Information:** [www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp](http://www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp)

**Deadline:** August 1, 2008.

**Contact:** Phone: 818-784-6787

Email: [applications@mhopus.org](mailto:applications@mhopus.org)

**Source:** [www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp](http://www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Special Project Program**

**Organization:** Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

**Purpose:** To help children achieve their greatest potential and to close the gap that exists in underserved communities by supporting after school instrumental music programs.

**Eligibility:** After school music programs that are at least three years old or have a music related umbrella organization that is at least three years old.

**Amount Available:** Not specified; musical instruments that range up to \$8,000 in value.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Application Information:** [www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp](http://www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp)

**Deadline:** August 1, 2008.

**Contact:** Phone: 818-784-6787

Email: [applications@mhopus.org](mailto:applications@mhopus.org)

**Source:** [www.mhopus.org/teachers.as](http://www.mhopus.org/teachers.as)

## Education

### **Grant Title: The Michael Davis Music is Revolution Mini Grant**

**Organization:** Music is Revolution Foundation

**Purpose:** To implement, support and/or improve their ability to provide quality music education for their students. Projects must clearly contain a musical focus based on the concept of musical education through experiences.

**Eligibility:** K-12 public school teachers.

**Amount Available:** None specified; awards are \$500 each.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2008.

**Application Information:** Enter website, then click on "mini grant application (PDF)" on the left side of the page.

[www.musicisrevolution.org](http://www.musicisrevolution.org)

**Contact:** Email: [info@svengirly.com](mailto:info@svengirly.com)

**Source:** [www.musicisrevolution.org](http://www.musicisrevolution.org)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Labels for Education**

**Organization:** Campbell's

**Purpose:** To provide educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands.

**Eligibility:** United States Public and private K- 12 schools; K-12 accredited home school associations; licensed child care centers; public libraries; religious educational centers; Head Start centers and preschools having any of the grades K through 12; and any schools located on any U.S. military installation (regardless of location).

**Amount Available:** None specified.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2008.

**Application Information:** [www.labelsforeducation.com/askanne.aspx](http://www.labelsforeducation.com/askanne.aspx)

**Contact:** Go to: [www.labelsforeducation.com/askanne.aspx](http://www.labelsforeducation.com/askanne.aspx) and click on contact us.

**Source:** [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

## Education

### Grant Title: First Book National Book Bank

**Organization:** ebay Foundation and Community Gives

**Purpose:** To distribute large quantities of brand new books to programs serving children from low-income families.

**Eligibility:** Organizations that serve children where at least 80% are from low-income households with exception of Title I or Title I eligible schools and military family support programs.

**Amount Available:** None specified.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2008 (letter of intent).

**Application Information:** [www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org)

**Contact:** Phone: 1-866-393-1222

Email: [communitygives@siliconvalleycf.org](mailto:communitygives@siliconvalleycf.org)

**Source:** [www.communitygives.org](http://www.communitygives.org)

## Education

### Grant Title: TOSHIBA AMERICA FOUNDATION

**Organization:** Grants Program for K-6 Science & Math Education

**Purpose:** The mission of Toshiba America Foundation is to promote quality science and mathematics education in U.S. schools. Grants are made for programs and activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics, grades K-12. The Foundation focuses its grant making on inquiry-based projects designed by individual teachers, and small teams of teachers, for use in their own classrooms.

**Eligibility:** Any K-6 teacher in a public or private (non-profit) school is eligible. Grants will be awarded to the teacher's school and will be restricted for use by the teacher in his/her classroom. Only one application per teacher is allowed.

#### Project Eligibility

- \* Projects must advance the teacher's science and math teaching units in grades K-6.
- \* Projects must occur during the school day. Before-school, after-school or take home projects are not eligible.
- \* Projects must be completed by May 1st so that a project final report can be submitted by May 15th.
- \* Projects should take place over at least three class sessions.
- \* Projects should not be based solely on the purchase of a prepackaged kit.

#### Budget Eligibility

Funds may be requested for the purchase of project materials for student use only. Computer hardware, audio-visual equipment, and field trip expenses may not be included in the budget.

**Amount Available:** May not exceed \$1,000

**Application Information:** <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/about/HowApply.jsp>

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by **October 1**. When October 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, applications will be due on the first business day of the month.

**Contact:** Please call Toshiba America Foundation at 212-596-0620 or send e-mail to [foundation@tai.toshiba.com](mailto:foundation@tai.toshiba.com)

for answers to questions about your proposal.

**Source:** <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/about/HowApply.jsp>

## Education

### **Grant Title: TOSHIBA Math and Science Program**

**Organization:** Toshiba American Foundation

**Purpose:** To improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics by supporting teacher designed, inquiry-based projects for grades 7-12, for classroom use.

**Eligibility:** K-12 public and private nonprofit schools in the US.

**Amount Available:** \$500,000; awards up to \$5,000.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2008 (awards over \$5,000); None specified for awards under \$5,000.

**Contact:** Phone: 212-596-0620

Email: [foundation@tai.toshiba.com](mailto:foundation@tai.toshiba.com)

**Source:** [www.toshiba.com](http://www.toshiba.com)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program**

**Organization:** The Actuarial Foundation

**Purpose:** To develop a viable mentoring program involving actuaries, (statisticians who calculate risk or life expectancies for insurance purposes) in the teaching of mathematics to children in private and public schools. Local network of actuaries ready to participate is provided if needed as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom. Participants are given wide latitude in designing programs that enhance learning and create a "love of math" in each student.

**Eligibility:** All schools and groups willing to undertake a math mentoring program that involves local actuaries as volunteers.

**Amount Available:** None specified.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Application Information:** [www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/other.html](http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/other.html).

**Deadline:** None specified.

**Contact:** Eileen C. Streu

Phone: 847-706-3535

Email: [ASA@ActFnd.org](mailto:ASA@ActFnd.org)

**Source:** [www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/other.html](http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/other.html)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Teaching Tolerance**

**Organization:** Southern Poverty Law Center; Teaching Tolerance

**Purpose:** To reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Projects funded tend to be: 1) student-focused; 2) embedded, rather than one time only; and 3) focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service or other aspects of tolerance education.

**Eligibility:** PreK-12 classroom teachers; community organizations; and houses of worship may be considered based on direct student impact.

**Amount Available:** 1 million; awards range from \$500 up to \$2,500.

**Deadline:** None specified.

**Application Information:** [www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp)

**Contact:** Go to web site and scroll down to the bottom of the page, then double click "contact us".

**Source:** [www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Program**

**Organization:** Dollar General, in collaboration with: The American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians and National Education Association.

**Purpose:** To benefit public school libraries in communities affected by disasters. The fund will provide grants for books, media and/or equipment that support learning in a school library environment.

**Eligibility:** Public school libraries (PreK- 12) that have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster (tornado, earthquake, hurricane, flood, avalanche, mudslide), fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism. Priority for the initial grant cycle is given to school libraries impacted by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma -- either through direct loss or through an **increase in enrollment due to displaced students**. School must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General store, distribution center or corporate office.

**Amount Available:** \$800,000; award range from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

**Number of Awards:** None specified

**Application Information:** Copy and paste the web address below to your browser:

[www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/dollargeneral/disasterrelief.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/dollargeneral/disasterrelief.cfm)

**Deadline:** None Specified

**Contact:** Email: [beyondwords@ala.org](mailto:beyondwords@ala.org)

**Source:** [www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/](http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Challenge 20/20 Partnership Program**

**Organization:** Nationally Association of Independent Schools

**Purpose:** To develop globally based, experiential curricula and to build educational partnerships with schools around the world. Students form authentic bonds with students from across the globe as they learn first-hand about cross-cultural communication.

**Eligibility:** Public and private elementary and secondary schools located anywhere in the world. Partnerships may consist of two or three schools.

**Amount Available:** None specified.

**Number of Awards:** None specified.

**Deadline:** August 15, 2008.

**Application Information:** Copy and paste this address to your browser: <http://www.nais.org/resources/index.cfm?ItemNumber=147262>

**Contact:** Ioana Suciu

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**Source:** [www.nais.org](http://www.nais.org)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Learning & Leadership Grants**

**Organization:** NEA Foundation

**Purpose:** Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes:

- Grants to **individuals** fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research. Grants to **groups** fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

**All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement.** "One-shot" professional growth experiences, such as attending a national conference or engaging a professional speaker, are discouraged. Decisions regarding the content of the professional growth activities must be based upon an assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues, and must be integrated into the institutional planning process. Grant funds may be used for fees, travel expenses, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches, and skills. Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be practicing U.S.

- public school teachers in grades K-12,
- public school education support professionals, or
- faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association. The NEA Foundation **encourages grant applications from**

- teachers with less than seven years of experience in the profession
- education support professionals

**Amount Available:** The grant amount is **\$2,000** for individuals and **\$5,000** for groups engaged in collegial study.

**Number of Awards:** Not specified.

**Application Information:** [http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&Leadership\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&Leadership_Guidelines.htm)

**Deadline:** Varies

**Source:** <http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>

## Education

**Grant Title:** Emerging Leaders

**Organization:** American Library Association

**Purpose:** To provide new librarians with an opportunity to work on a variety of projects, network with peers, and get an inside look into the American Library Association's (ALA) structure and activities. Sponsors will contribute towards the expenses of attending two American Library Association's 2009 conferences: mid meeting, January 23-28, 2009 in Denver, CO; and annual conference, July 9-15, 2009 in Chicago, IL.

**Eligibility:** 1) under 35 years of age or a new librarian of any age with fewer than five years post-MLS experience; 2) have a recent MLS degree from an ALA or NCATE-accredited program or currently in an MLS program; 3) able to attend both ALA conferences and work virtually in between each; 4) prepared to commit to serve on an ALA division, chapter or round table committee, taskforce or workgroup upon completion of the program; and 5) an ALA member, or join upon selection.

**Amount Available:** \$1,000 towards two ALA 2009 conference expenses.

**Number of Awards:** 100

**Deadline:** July 31, 2008

**Application Information:** [cs.ala.org/hrdr/emergingleaders](http://cs.ala.org/hrdr/emergingleaders)

**Contact:** Steven Brown

Phone: 817-427-6813

Email: [sbrown@nhrtx.com](mailto:sbrown@nhrtx.com)

**Source:** [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

## Education

### **Grant Title: Samsung Electronics America**

**Organization:** American Society for Information Science

**Purpose:** To support schools with the latest technology products to assist in the educational process. Each year the program challenges students, teachers, parents and anyone who knows of a school in need to write an essay regarding the importance of technology in education and how it can benefit a school in their community.

**Eligibility:** Participants should nominate a public or state-accredited private school in their community.

**Amount Available:** \$2 million; one award worth \$205,000 of Samsung technology, Microsoft software, cash grants from DIRECTV and the SCHOOL CHOICE® educational television programming package; thirty award packages worth \$61,000; and thirty one (nominator) awards of a Samsung Ultra Mobile PC (Model NP-Q1U).

**Number of Awards:** 61

**Deadline:** August 31, 2008.

**Application Information:** [pages.samsung.com/us/hopeforeducation/contest.html](http://pages.samsung.com/us/hopeforeducation/contest.html)

**Contact:** Email: [johnhan@sea.samsung.com](mailto:johnhan@sea.samsung.com)

**Source:** [pages.samsung.com/us/hopeforeducation/about.html](http://pages.samsung.com/us/hopeforeducation/about.html)