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(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, JoAnne Healy at 70868 or Janna Gibson at 70869 to coordinate the application process.

Education

Grant Title: Educator Grant

Organization: Air Force Association

Purpose: To promote aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages developing innovative aerospace activities and establishing active relationships between schools and local Air Force Association organizations.

Eligibility: K-12 classroom teachers.

Amount Available: Not specified; awards range up to $250 each.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: November 14, 2008.

Posted Date: August 1, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 800-727-3337 ext. 4869
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Source: www.afa.org/aef/aid/educator.asp

Education

Grant Title: Top School Fundraisers.com Grant Program

Organization: Top School Fundraisers

Purpose: To help schools in need by providing a direct financial gift that makes a positive impact on students and connects schools with resources so they can carry out their own fundraising programs.

Eligibility: All public, private and charter pre-K-12 schools located in the United States or Canada.

Amount Available: Not specified; awards range from $1,000 up to $5,000.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: December 31, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 877-580-2575
E-mail: grants@topschoolfundraisers.com

Source: http://topschoolfundraisers.com/news/grant/

Education

Grant Title: Disney's The Music in You School Grant Program

Organization: NAMM Foundation and Disney

Purpose: To support schools and communities advancing access to music education and the performing arts as part of a quality education for youth. Disney joined with the NAMM Foundation to create a program that allows schools to put on their own stage production of *High School Musical*, the stage production of the original *High School Musical* movie or *High School Musical II*.

Eligibility: All public middle and high schools in the United States and U.S. Defense Department Schools located internationally.

Amount Available: Not specified; award covers stage production licensing costs, valued up to $4,000; and $5,000 to support coaching, production and student learning efforts as part of the production.

Number of Awards: 10

Deadline: December 15, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 760-438-8001
E-mail: info@nammfoundation.org

Source: www.music-research.org/Grants/guidelines.html

Education

Grant Title: Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award

Organization: Astronauts Memorial Foundation (AMF) in partnership with the Space Foundation and NASA

Purpose: To recognize outstanding contributions made by technology personnel or classroom teachers to technology education. Programs which focus on aerospace and/or aeronautics are given priority to other programs. Applicants must demonstrate how their programs ultimately benefit the students in a school or district.

Eligibility: All K-12 school or district level educators from across the nation. School's principal must nominate candidates and associate superintendent or superintendent must nominate district level personnel.

Amount Available: The winner receives: 1) a $500 award; 2) a trip to Colorado Springs, where hotel accommodations are provided; 3) a commemorative trophy with his or her name engraved; and 4) the honor of having his or her name placed on a plaque of past recipients that is housed in the Center for Space Education at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Number of Awards: 1

Deadline: January 16, 2009.

Contact: The Astronauts Memorial Foundation
Phone: 321-452-2887
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Source: www.amfcse.org/Alan%20Shepard%20Award/

Education

Grant Title: Team America Rocketry Challenge

Organization: Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the National Association of Rocketry (NAR).

Purpose: To provide students a realistic experience in designing a flying aerospace vehicle that meets specific missions and performance requirements. Students work together in teams the same way aerospace engineers do. It is not intended to be easy but well within the capabilities of 7th through 12th grade students with a strong background in science, math and craftsmanship.

Eligibility: The Team America Rocketry Challenge is only open to the first 750 teams that submit a completed application, that includes a $105 entry fee. The application for a team must come from a single school or a single U.S. incorporated nonprofit youth organization (excluding the National Association of Rocketry, Tripoli Rocketry Association or any other rocket club or organization). Team members must be students who are currently enrolled in grades 7 through 12. Teams may have members from other schools or other organizations. Teams must be supervised by an adult approved by the principal of the school or by an officially-appointed adult leader of the youth organization. Minimum team size is three students and maximum is ten students.

Amount Available: The top 100 teams, based on local qualification flights, are invited to Washington, DC in May for the national finals. Prizes include $60,000 in cash and scholarships split between the top 10 finishers. NASA invites the top 25 teams to participate in their Student Launch Initiative, an advanced rocketry program.

Number of Awards: 10

Deadline: December 1, 2008.

Contact: Email: rocketcontest@aia-aerospace.org

Source: www.rocketcontest.org/index.cfm

Education

Grant Title: The Lexus Eco Challenge: Challenge 2, Water; and Challenge 3, Air/Climate

Organization: Lexus and Scholastic

Purpose: To educate young people about the environment and inspire them to develop and implement environmental programs that positively impact their communities. Student teams must develop a water action plan or an air/climate action plan by choosing one of the provided topics and by identifying specific environmental issues within this topic that affect their local community.

Eligibility: Students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 who are registered and enrolled in a public or accredited private school and who are legal residents of the United States or the District of Columbia (excluding residents of Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories and possessions). Students who are home-schooled are not eligible to enter. Students must enter the contest in a team consisting of at least five, but no more than ten, and one Teacher Advisor. A Teacher Advisor must be a teacher (not a volunteer parent or other adult in the school). Teams can also enter if they are part of an afterschool science or environmental club at a respective public or accredited private school. Minors must have his/her parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter.

Amount Available: $160,000; awards are $10,000 each and distributed as follows: 1) $1,000 to the Teacher Advisor to be used toward purchasing school-related supplies and/or supporting educational programs/school clubs or initiatives; 2) $7,000 to team members which is split evenly; and 3) $2,000 to the winning team's school.

Number of Awards: 16

Deadline: December 12, 2008 (Water, Challenge 2) and February 6, 2009 (Air/Climate); Water, Challenge 2 registration begins November 3, 2008 and Air/Climate begins December 12, 2008.

Contact: Email: ecochallenge@scholastic.com

Source: www.scholastic.com/lexus/index.asp

Education

Grant Title: Environmental Education Grants

Organization: Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: To support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. Program must provide environmental education and target one of the following strategies: 1) Capacity Building - increasing capacity to develop and deliver coordinated environmental education programs across a state or across multiple states; 2) Education Reform - utilizing environmental education as a catalyst to advance state or local education reform goals; 3) Community Stewardship - designing and implementing model projects to educate the public about environmental issues in their communities through state

and local government and community based organizations, or through print, film, broadcast or other media; 4) Health - educating teachers, students, parents, community leaders, or the public about
human-health threats from environmental pollution, especially as it affects children, and how to minimize human exposure to preserve good health; 5) Teaching Skills - providing professional development for teachers,
faculty, or non-formal educators about environmental issues and content, such as sustainability, to improve environmental education skills; and 6) Career Development: educating students in formal or nonformal settings about environmental issues to encourage environmental careers.

Eligibility: Local education agencies; colleges or universities; state education or environmental agencies, 501(C)(3) nonprofit organizations, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities as defined and licensed by the Federal
Communications Commission.

Amount Available: $3 million; $15,000 - $25,000 per award; 25% match required.

Number of Awards: 95

Deadline: December 18, 2008.

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Source: www.grants.gov

Education

Grant Title: Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards

Organization: Cable in the Classroom

Purpose: To recognize outstanding educators, administrators, policymakers and other community leaders at the forefront of education.

Eligibility: Highly inventive classroom educators, administrators, community leaders and policymakers who are transforming education from kindergarten through high school; those who have had a major impact on educating youth both in and out of the classroom; those who have adopted innovative learning practices that have transformed an aspect of education on a large or small scale.

Amount Available: A $3,000 cash prize; an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC in June, 2009; while in Washington, award recipients will visit with members of Congress to talk about their award-winning programs; and winners will attend an awards ceremony with policymakers, government officials, leaders of the national education community, cable industry executives, and other VIPS.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: December 17, 2008.

Contact: Amber Moore
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Source: www.leadersinlearningawards.org

Education

Grant Title: Free Books for Read Across America Day

Organization: The Literacy Empowerment Foundation

Purpose: To distribute books for grades PreK-2, in sets of 100, free of charge. Recipients merely pay shipping, handling and administrative costs, which is only $.65 per book ($65 per set of 100 books). There is not more than four copies of the same book in a set. Books are available in limited quantity on a first come, first served basis.

Eligibility: Schools and literacy programs.

Amount Available: None; 100 books at a reduced cost.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: Open.

Contact: Phone: 610-719-6448
E-mail: www.lefbooks.org/contact

Source: www.lefbooks.org

Education

Grant Title: Space Academy Scholarships

Organization: Honeywell

Purpose: To support teachers participating in astronaut style training and simulations, along with activities designed to promote life-long learning in a classroom setting. The two-week program is scheduled for June 14-18, June 21-25 or June 28- July 2, 2009.

Eligibility: Certified practicing educators, in a public, state or private school system, that teach science or math to students age 10-14. Teachers must commit to teach these subjects areas through 2010. Spouse or family members of a Honeywell or U.S. Space & Rocket Center employee are not eligible; previous attendees of Honeywell's Educators @Space Academy or a Space Camp educator program are not eligible.

Amount Available: None; scholarship includes: 1) tuition for 5-day Space Academy program in Alabama; 2) roundtrip airfare; 3) meals and double occupancy accommodations; 4) workbooks/program materials; and 5) a flight suit.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: December 31, 2008.

Contact: honeywell@spacecamp.com

Source: www.honeywell.com

Education

Grant Title: Captain Planet Foundation

Purpose: To support hands-on environmental projects for children and youth that programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. All projects must: 1) promote understanding of environmental issues; 2) focus on hands-on involvement; 3) involve children and young adults 6-18; 4) promote interaction and cooperation within the group; 5) help young people develop planning and problem solving skills; 6) include adult supervision; and 7) commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation.

Eligibility: Public schools and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

Amount Available: Not specified. Awards range from $250- $2,500.

Number of Awards: Not specified

Deadline: December 31, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 404-522-4215

Source: www.captainplanetfdn.org

Education

Grant Title: Transition to Teaching National/Regional, Statewide and Local Projects

Organization: Department of Education

Purpose: To develop and expand alternative routes to full State teacher certification and the recruitment and retention of highly qualified mid-career professionals, recent college graduates who have not majored in education and highly qualified paraprofessionals as teachers in high-need schools operated by high-need local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that operate as high-need LEAs. There are two competitive priorities that gain applicants extra points: 1) partnerships or consortia that include a high-need LEA or a high-need State Educational Agency (SEA) – 5 points; and 2) district projects to streamline teacher hiring systems, timelines and processes – 10 points. The grant program has three separate funding categories for projects. Categories are: 1) national/ regional projects (84.350C) that serve eligible high need LEAs in more than one state; 2) statewide projects (84.350B) that serve eligible high-need LEAs statewide or eligible high-need LEAs in more than one area of a state; and 3) local projects (84.350A) that serve one eligible high-need LEA or two or more eligible high-need LEAs in a single area of a state.

Eligibility: A SEA; a high-need LEA; a for-profit or nonprofit organization that has a proven record of effectively recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers, in partnership with a high-need LEA or a SEA; an IHE in partnership with a high-need LEA or an SEA; a regional consortium of SEAs; or a consortium of high-need LEAs. Each application must identify participating LEAs that meet the definition of a "high-need LEA" in section 2102(3) of the ESEA.

Amount Available: $7 million; national/regional projects will receive $450,000-$750,000 per year; statewide projects will receive $300,000-$650,000 per year; and local projects will receive $150,000- $450,000 per year. All projects are for 60 months.

Number of Awards: National/regional projects will receive 3 awards; statewide projects will receive 5 awards; and local projects will receive 10 awards.

Deadline: January 21, 2009 (proposal); December 15, 2008 (notice of intent to apply). Posted Date: November 13, 2008.

Contact: Thelma Leenhouts
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Source: www.grants.gov

Education

Grant Title: Literacy Teacher of the Year

Organization: The National Center for Family Literacy and Toyota

Purpose: To honor an educator who strives to help families improve their literacy skills through children's education, adult education, ESL services and parenting education. Nominations should emphasize how the educator supports intergenerational learning.

Eligibility: Nominations must be submitted by someone who is familiar with the nominated educator's work. Programs may nominate up to two educators but may not nominate an educator who has been a finalist in the past three years.

Amount Available: $7,500; award is for educator's program. Educator will also receive a trip to the 18th Annual National Conference on Family Literacy in Orlando, FL from March 1-3, 2009.

Number of Awards: 1.

Deadline: December 5, 2008.
Contact: ToyotaTeacher@famlit.org
Source: www.famlit.org

Education

Grant Title: ING Unsung Heroes Program

Organization: ING

Purpose: To support innovative class projects.

Eligibility: K-12 educators and their schools. Individuals must be employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States and full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning.

Amount Available: $240,000; up to $2,000 each. Three educators are chosen to receive top awards of an additional $5,000, $10,000 and $25,000.

Number of Awards: At least one award is granted in each state, provided one or more qualified applications are received.

Deadline: April 30, 2009.
Contact: Phone: 507-931-1682 or 800-537-4180
E-mail: ing@scholarshipamerica.org
Source: www.ing-usa.com

Education

Grant Title: Listen to a Life Contest

Organization: Lenovo and Orchard Educational Software

Purpose: To bring youth and older adults closer. A young person interviews an older person about their life. The youth then writes a 300-word essay based on the interview.

Eligibility: Youth who are 8-18 years of age. Co-entrant must be living and 50 years or older; co-entrant can't be a child's parent.

Amount Available: None; grand prize is a computer with $800 worth of educational software, I-Pod and $25,000 worth of software for winner's school; runner up prize is $400 worth of educational software and an I-Pod shuffle.

Number of Awards: 1 grand prize; 20 runner up prizes.

Deadline: March 30, 2009.
Contact: tcp@tcpnow.com
Source: www.legacyproject.org

Education

Grant Title: Champions for Healthy Kids

Organization: General Mills, American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness

Purpose: To support community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth ages 2-18 adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle. The proposal must: 1) have a Registered Dietitian (RD) or Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR) directly involved or serve as an advisor to the program; 2) have at least one nutrition objective
and at least one physical activity objective; and 3) reflect recommended practices of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the American Dietetic Association, the Center's for Disease Control and the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Awards program.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofits organizations or nonprofits with 509(a) status. Encouraged to apply are: park districts, health departments, government agencies, Native American tribes, municipal organizations, churches, schools and YMCAs.

Amount Available: $10,000

Number of Awards: 50

Deadline: January 15, 2009.

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Source: www.generalmills.com